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SHANGHAI.

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FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1887,

AND

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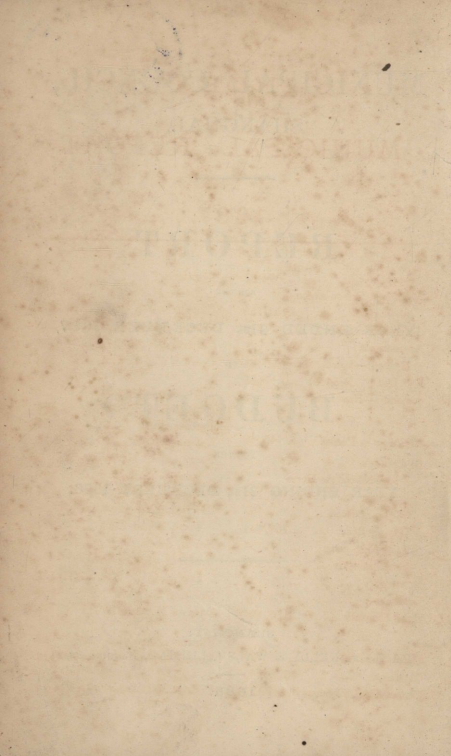
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MUNICIPAL REPORT.

The Council for 1887 have now to submit to the Ratepayers the usual statement of accounts and report of their proceedings during the past year.

On the 3rd March the present Council, along with the members of the Council for 1886, inspected the Police Force in the yard of the Central Station, where the men were drawn up for inspection.

Mr. A. G. Wood, as Chairman of the outgoing Council, complimented the men upon their smart appearance on parade, and informed them that he had much pleasure in expressing the satisfaction of the Council for 1886 at the efficient manner in which all the members of the force had performed their duties during the past year, and he hoped that the relations between the new Council and the Police would continue of the same friendly nature as at present.

The two Councils then returned to the Board Room, where Mr. Wood intimated that there was no outstanding business of any importance to which it was necessary to specially direct the attention of the new Council, and the old members then withdrew, Mr. MACLEAN having in their name expressed his great gratification at the amicable manner in which all Municipal matters had been conducted during their year of office.

The new Council then proceeded to elect the following office-bearers for the year.

Chairman.—Mr. A. G. Wood.

Vice-Chairman.—Mr. G. J. MORRISON.

Finance Committee.—Messrs. TH. BIEBER, F. D. BUSH and H. H. JOSEPH.

Works Committee.—Messrs A. G. WOOD, D. A. DARLING and YEEND DUER.

Watch and Defence Committee.—Messrs G. J. MORRISON, M. ADLER, and R. DE MALHERBE.

DEFENCE MATTERS.

S. V. C.

The efficiency of the Volunteer Corps, which had to some extent fallen off during 1886, appears to have improved during 1887, though at the date of the annual inspection in Spring it was still behind the standard of the previous year as regards numbers and attendance.

The musters at the occasional parades during the off season have been satisfactory, the efficiency of the officers, especially among the infantry, continues to advance, and considerable interest is taken in the monthly rifle competitions, which do much to raise the standard of excellence among the fine shots, while some progress continues to be made in teaching the ordinary shots to use their rifles to advantage in the ranks. It is in the department of musketry, however, that there is still the greatest room for improvement.

The condition of No. 4 Company of Infantry had long been unsatisfactory. It appeared to be difficult, if not impossible, to keep up a supply of suitable recruits, and the company, early in the year, held a meeting at which it was agreed to dissolve the company. The officers accordingly resigned their Commissions and the Council accepted them, assuring the late officers that they fully appreciated the manner in which they had striven to perform their duties under great difficulties.

No change of importance has taken place in any of the other branches.

Shortly before the training season the Artillery were armed with carbines and sword-bayonets. Each man carries his sword, and two carbines are carried on each limber and on each wagon.

The Light Horse are also armed with carbines (of the same pattern as the Artillery) which they carry slung across the back. This will render them available as Mounted Infantry, if time can be found to give them the necessary instruction.

At the beginning of the year application was made to Major-General CAMERON to allow an officer to come to Shanghai to inspect the Corps, and Major CHAYTOR was appointed to undertake this duty. The following letters refer to this :—

Shanghai, 6th January 1887.

SIR,—The Annual Inspection of the Shanghai Volunteers is arranged to take place on the 2nd April, and as the Municipal Council desire to have the report of a qualified officer upon the general efficiency of the Corps, I have the honor to enquire whether Your Excellency will appoint an officer to come here to assist at the Inspection, as you have been good enough to do in former years.

By desire of the Major Commanding the Volunteers I have also the honor to request that you will allow the Corps during the training season next March the services of two Drill Sergeants, one for the Artillery and the other for the Infantry, the latter to be well up in the new musketry instruction and to remain here a short time after the Inspection on the 2nd April.

As many of the Arms now in store and in use by the Volunteers require to be repaired, and there is no one here competent to do the work, the Council would feel much obliged if you could also allow them the services of an Armourer who can re-brown rifles; the man to come here towards the end of March.

The Council have in store all the duplicate parts and all appliances necessary for the repairs of rifles, but nothing for re-browning them, so the Armourer will have to bring with him whatever may be required for this purpose.

Should you be able to allow the Volunteers the services of these men, the Council will of course pay all expenses connected with their visit to Shanghai.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD.

Chairman.

To His Excellency,

Major-General CAMERON,

Commanding in China and Straits
Settlements.

Hongkong, 21st January 1887.

SIR,—In compliance with your letter No. 87/3 of the 6th instant addressed to His Excellency the Major-General Commanding, I am directed to inform you that the following arrangements have been made.

Major R. CHAYTOR, 2nd Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, will inspect the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, and Sergeant E. SAVAGE, Royal Artillery, and Acting Sergeant-Major G. PHILLIPS, 2nd Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, will be attached for drill and instructional purposes. Armourer-Sergeant W. J. HAIGS, 2nd Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, will be ordered to proceed to Shanghai towards the end of March, taking with him such tools, stores, etc., etc., as will be necessary for the repairing and browning of the arms.

Acting Sergeant-Major G. PHILLIPS will be permitted to remain after the Inspection to carry out the Musketry Instruction.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. J. W. DAVIES,

Major, Asst. My. Secretary.

The Chairman,

Municipal Council, Shanghai.

Head Quarters,

Hongkong, 20th June 1887.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward, for the information of yourself and the Municipal Council and for transmission to the Officer Commanding the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, the accompanying copy of the Inspection Report from Major CHAYTOR, 2nd Northamptonshire Regiment.

I remark that the numerical strength of the Corps has fallen off considerably since last year and that even out of the reduced number, forty-eight members were absent with leave and twenty-two without.

What the number of absentees was at the drills during the month of March there is nothing in the papers I have before me to show. The attendance on the part of each individual Volunteer at the parades during the month preparatory to the Inspection should be shewn, and it would be well in future if a return for this purpose was rendered for your information and that of the Inspecting Officer.

I am glad to learn that more attention has been paid to Volley and Independent Firing and that the results have been, in the opinion of the Inspecting Officer, satisfactory ;—this combined firing, as pointed out by me last year, is a most important factor in the system of instruction.

In other respects also I understand that the suggestions I offered last year have been acted upon, as far as circumstances would permit, showing the good spirit and desire to learn on the part of the members of the Corps.

I have nothing to add to what I said last year regarding the system of instruction to be adopted, and I am pleased on perusing the General Orders issued by the Officer Commanding the Corps to observe that every effort has been made to improve the efficiency of the Shanghai Volunteers.

I take the same interest as ever in them and can only repeat the remarks I made on a former occasion, that I shall always be ready and willing to afford every assistance in my power ; and I hope to see, both in the interests of the Community of Shanghai and before leaving this Command early next year, a considerable increase in the strength of the Corps.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. G. CAMERON,

*Major-General Commanding in China
and Straits Settlements.*

The Chairman, Municipal Council,
Shanghai.

From Major R. CHAYTOR,
Northamptonshire Regiment
TO ASSISTANT MILITARY SECRETARY,

Hongkong, 11th April 1887.

SIR,—I have the honour to report that according to orders I proceeded to Shanghai and inspected the Volunteer Corps. During the ten days preceding the date fixed for the Inspection (2nd April) I saw each arm frequently, both separately on their private parades and together. I also saw the Infantry volley-firing on the range, and the Artillery at practice. I found the Com-

mandant, Major MORRISON, well able to drill and instruct the Cavalry and Artillery, as well as the Infantry, in which branch he showed that he had a very good knowledge of drill. The Light Horse improved considerably in the ten days I was at Shanghai; some of the ponies were very unsteady and not sufficiently trained, but considering the short time at disposal their performance was creditable; I consider them fortunate in having so good an instructor as Captain HOUGH.

I saw the Artillery at Gun-drill, Practice, and Field manœuvres. In the latter they shewed a little hesitation and uncertainty which no doubt would disappear with more practice. The ponies were not very well trained, and two ponies to each gun seemed hardly sufficient, consequently the movements were not executed very smartly. Though armed with carbines they did not carry them; they are making arrangements to carry two on the limbers, and as they do not take out the waggons will only carry two carbines for each gun detachment. They showed a very good knowledge of gun drill, in which the officers and instructor, Sergeant-Major HOLLIDAY, appeared thoroughly well up, and able to give instruction in all the details. They also made good practice.

The Infantry I saw at Squad, Company, and Battalion drill, also at Volley-firing. The drill was good, especially the Battalion drill, in which, with very unequal companies, they went through manœuvres with great steadiness. In Volley-firing the performance was good, although the range fired at (200 yards) was short, still there were very few misses. The stop butt is so small that perhaps it would not be safe to fire at longer distances, but I think that the size of the target might be reduced, with advantage.

Several of the Officers, Captains and Subalterns presented themselves for examination, which I carried out as directed in Queen's Regulations for subject b (1) Drill; all obtained the qualifying number of marks. I think that a little more knowledge of duties of Advance Guards and Outposts would be an advantage.

I found the arms and accoutrements in good order. I consider all that I saw, very creditable to all concerned. Everyone showed great zeal and anxiety to learn, and the improvement made by all during the last ten days was most marked.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. J. CHAYTOR,

Major of Northampton Regiment.

The attendance at the Inspection was as follows:—

	<u>Captains.</u>	<u>Lieutenants.</u>	<u>All other Ranks.</u>	
Light Horse ...	1	2	19	
Artillery ...	1	2	29	
Infantry No. 1 Co. ...	1	2	47	
" " 2 " ...	1	2	38	
" " 3 " ...	1	1	27	
	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>160</u>	
				In all 174
Staff.—Major Commanding...			1	
Chaplain ...			1	
Staff Sergeants ...			2	
			<u>4</u>	
Band.—Band-master ...			1	
Bandsmen ...			22	
			<u>23</u>	
				Total of all ranks ... 201

The total strength at that date was 271, shewing a state of affairs only a little better than 1883, when the total strength of the Corps was 261 and the number present at the inspection 189.

The training preparatory to the inspection was similar to that of previous years except that less time was devoted to long-range shooting and more to short-range shooting and volley-firing.

After the training a list of efficient was made out as follows:

	<u>No. of Efficient.</u>	<u>Total Strength.</u>
Staff ...	5	5
Light Horse ...	22	35
Artillery ...	36	50
Infantry No. 1 Co. ...	57	65
" " 2 " ...	42	54
" " 3 " ...	34	41
	<u>196</u>	<u>250</u>

or, with the Band, a total of 273. This makes the strength on 22nd April, 2 more than at the date of inspection.

All the arms in the possession of the Corps were examined and repaired by an armourer from Hongkong, soon after the training. As the arms had not been thoroughly examined for some years the following report is put on record:—

Shanghai, 14th July 1887.

SIR,—I have the honour to make the following report relative to the arms and accoutrements of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

The arms do not appear to have been called in for examination and repair since the Corps was re-organized in 1878, and I therefore recommended that application should be made to the General Commanding the British Forces in Hongkong to allow an armourer to come up and repair all the arms belonging to the Corps.

This recommendation having been approved of and acted on, an armourer arrived here during March, and all the arms (except the new carbines issued this year) were called in and examined and repaired.

Thus all the arms, except the 8 old pattern carbines alluded to below, have passed through the Sergt.-Major's hands since 1st January.

As the arms were in course of repair on 31st March, I decided to omit the ordinary quarterly inspection at that date, but I arranged for a specially careful inspection of arms, accoutrements and ammunition on 30th June.

The enclosed report from the officers appointed to inspect will show the points to which attention was directed and will make it clear that the returns of arms and ammunition may be taken as absolutely correct and that no error of any consequence can exist in the column shewing the accoutrements in possession of members. As to the column shewing those in store there never of course has been any difficulty.

The accoutrements in store were carefully examined towards the end of June and a large number of old ones condemned and written off the list.

In accordance with the decision of the armourer 65 old pattern rifles, 8 new pattern rifles, and 1 old pattern carbine were condemned and destroyed, leaving the total stock of small arms belonging to the Volunteer Corps including those lent to the Police (but not including those which belong to the Police Force) as follows:—

219 old pattern Martini-Henri Rifles.

233 new " " " "

100 " " " " Carbines.

18 old " " " "

67 revolvers.

In addition to these there are 8 old pattern Martini-Henri carbines unaccounted for, that is, they appear to be still in the possession of former members of the

Light Horse who did not return them into store when they resigned. The same remarks refer to several carbine buckets, saddle-cloths, chain-reins, old pattern Light Horse swords, and sword-belts, etc. These have for the present been retained on the lists and every effort will be made to recover them before the end of December, at which date I recommend that all accoutrements not accounted for be written off the list.

I further recommend that the issue of spurs to the Light Horse be discontinued. After spur boxes have been fitted to boots they cannot be returned, and it is a very small matter for members to provide their own. It might, however, be well to keep a few pairs for issue at cost price. Those now in possession of members have been written off the lists.

As soon as possible I intend to arrange that the issue of all Light Horse arms and accoutrements be placed entirely in the hands of the Sergt.-Major, as in no other way can a correct record be kept.

The two rifles which are missing have been written off the lists, as there is very little chance of their ever being recovered.

The artillery ammunition has been very carefully inspected by Lieutenant NOËL and all the boxes carefully marked so as to be readily recognized.

The usual returns are enclosed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. JAMES MORRISON,

Major-Commanding, S. V. C.

To A. G. WOOD, Esq.,

Chairman of the Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 5th July 1887.

According to instructions the undersigned have made the usual inspection of arms, etc. for the quarter ending 30th June 1887, and beg to report as follows:—

1.—A number of old belts and other accoutrements proving on examination to be useless have been condemned.

2.—The rifles in the armoury have been checked off one by one according to number with those shown in the Sergeant-Major's Register: there are two rifles missing which it appears were issued to two men of No. 2 Company, who on leaving Shanghai did not return their rifles to the armoury. With this exception the Register is correct.

3.—All the condemned rifles have been properly written off the Register, which shows that all rifles have been examined; the bayonets have been counted and found correct.

4.—Rough copies of the lists of accoutrements, &c., supposed to belong to the Light Horse and Artillery have been forwarded respectively to Captain HOUGH and Lieutenant NOËL; these copies have been corrected and verified.

5.—The boxes of ammunition were also carefully inspected, and we are satisfied that the contents are correctly described in the armoury book.

6.—The whole of the accoutrements were counted, compared with the official returns, and found correct.

CHAS. J. DUDGEON.

Captain No. 1 Co., M.H.L. Rifles.

G. W. NOËL,

Lieutenant, S.V.A.

W. H. ANDERSON,

Lieutenant, No. 2, S.V.C.

Since that date 150 triangular Bayonets have been ordered for the old pattern rifles, so that if it became necessary to arm a large number of men all would be supplied with the same arms.

During the year the following changes have taken place among the Officers of the Corps :

RESIGNATIONS.

Captain J. J. KESWICK, Light Horse.

„ G. LANNING, No. 3 Company.

„ J. DANENBERG, No. 4 Company.

Lieutenant MOFFAT, Artillery.

„ CORY, No. 1 Company.

„ C. M. DE SENNA, No. 4 Company.

„ G. J. PEREIRA, No. 4 Company.

PROMOTIONS.

Lieutenant T. F. HOUGH to be Captain.

„ C. J. DUDGEON to be Captain.

NEW COMMISSIONS.

Artillery, W. LAMOND, Sub-Lieutenant.

No. 1 Co., W. D. LITTLE, Lieutenant.

The full strength of the Corps on December 31st was as follows :

STAFF.

Major G. J. MORRISON (Commanding)	...	...	1
Surgeon-major E. HENDERSON	...	...	1
Chaplain Rev. H. C. HODGES	...	...	1
Sergeant-major MERRITT	...	...	1
Staff Sergeant MILNE	...	...	1
— 5			

(NOTE.—The Surgeons are now included with the branches to which they are attached.)

LIGHT HORSE.

Captain T. F. HOUGH, Lieutenants R. DE MALHERBE and C. A. L. DUNN, Surgeon N. MACLEOD, and 28 Non-commissioned Officers and Troopers	...	...	32
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ARTILLERY.

Captain BARNES DALLAS, Lieutenants G. W. NOËL and W. LAMOND, Surgeon R. SLOAN and 39 Non-commissioned Officers, gunners and drivers	...	...	43
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INFANTRY No. 1 COMPANY.

Captain C. J. DUDGEON, Lieutenant W. D. LITTLE and 60 Non-commissioned Officers and Privates	...	...	62
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INFANTRY No. 2 COMPANY.

Captain W. BRIGHT, Lieutenants W. H. ANDERSON and J. GURNEY and 50 Non-commissioned Officers and Privates	...	...	53
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INFANTRY No. 3 COMPANY.

Lieutenants J. W. H. BURGOYNE and A. LEWIS and 27 Non-commissioned Officers and Privates	...	...	29
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BAND.

Band-master Le Chevalier VELA and 20 Bandsmen	...	...	21
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Total	...	...	<u>245</u>
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Ammunition for Artillery.

Surveyor-General's Department,
War Office,

30th June 1886.

SIR,—With reference to an application recently addressed to the Commissary General at Woolwich by the Senior Ordnance Store Officer in your Command for ammunition for the use of the Shanghai Artillery Volunteers, I am directed by the Surveyor General of the Ordnance to acquaint you that orders have been given for supply, and that ammunition may be allowed for this Corps in future for five years on the scale allowed for Volunteer Artillery at Home, viz.:—for each battery of 80 men:—

25 Common Shell.
48 Segment „
36 Shrapnel „
16 Case Shot.

125 rounds per annum,

with cartridges, fuzes, tubes, etc.

I have the honor to be, etc., etc.,

(Signed) H. J. ALDERSON,
Director of Artillery and Stores.

The General Officer,
Commanding the Troops,
Hongkong.

Ordnance Office,
Hongkong, 22nd December 1886.

SIR,—With reference to the supply of ammunition for use of the Shanghai Volunteers with their R.B.L. 9 por guns, I beg to request that you will inform that Corps, that the following ammunition is now being handed over to Messrs. Holliday, Wise & Co., to complete as far as possible the requisition from the Municipal Council of the 24th March last, viz.:—

Shells filled	} Common...	... 120
R.B.L. 9 por.		Shrapnel... .. 160
Shot Case R.B.L. 9 por.		 20

This issue is being made on repayment as before, and the claims will be sent in as usual to the above named firm.

I beg to request that you will also please inform the Shanghai Council that the Secretary of State for War has authorized a free allowance of 125 rounds of ammunition to be made to the Volunteers annually, commencing from next year and to be continued for five years. Further that the Secretary of State has approved of 300 rounds of R. B. L. 9 por. ammunition being kept at Hongkong as a reserve for the Shanghai Volunteers should necessity require its supply.

The yearly allowance, of 125 rounds will be made up as follows, viz. :—

25 Common Shell.
 48 Segment "
 36 Shrapnel "
 16 Case Shot.

with cartridges, fuzes, tubes, etc.

FRED. DAVIES, Major,
Assistant S.O.S.O., China.

Military Secretary's Office, China,
 23rd December 1886.

SIR,—The accompanying memorandum received from the Senior Ordnance Store Officer together with copy of correspondence respecting the issue and storage of ammunition for the field guns of the Shanghai Volunteers is forwarded by direction of His Excellency the Major-General Commanding for your information and future guidance.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

FRED. DAVIES, Major,
Assistant Military Secretary.

The Chairman,
 Municipal Council, Shanghai.

Shanghai, 6th January 1887.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd December inclosing, by direction of His Excellency the Major-General Commanding, memorandum from the Senior Ordnance Officer and copy of the correspondence respecting the issue and storage of ammunition for the field guns of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, for which I am much obliged.

I have now the honor to request that you will convey to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for War the thanks of the Council for his having authorized a free allowance of 125 rounds of ammunition to be made to the Volunteers annually commencing from 1st January 1887, to be continued for five years and to be made up as follows :—

25 Common Shell.

48 Segment „

36 Shrapnel „

16 Case Shot.

with cartridges, fuzes, tubes, etc., and for approving of 300 rounds R.B.L. 9 pds. Ammunition being kept at Hongkong in reserve for the Volunteers should necessity require its supply.

The Council note that on 23rd December the following Ammunition was in course of being handed over to Messrs. Holliday, Wise & Co., Hongkong, for the Volunteers :—

Shells filled	{ Common ..	...120	
R.B.L. 9 pds.	{ Shrapnel...	...160	
Shot case R.B.L. 9 pds.	...	... 20	400

this issue to be on repayment as before, and to complete as far as possible the requisition made in the Council's letter of 24th March last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,

Chairman.

To Major F. DAVIES,
Assistant Military Secretary,
Hongkong.

The following letters relate to the winning of the Municipal Challenge Cup :

Shanghai, 13th June 1887.

SIR,—As the old "Municipal Challenge Cup" has now, after 17 years, been finally won, and as I have been the fortunate winner, I have had some photographs taken of the Trophy, one of which I thought might, with your approval, not inappropriately be hung in the Council Board Room, as evidence of the encouragement ever offered by the Municipal Council to the Shanghai Volunteers to maintain their efficiency in shooting, and to serve as a souvenir of old times.

Permit me, therefore, to ask you, as Chairman of the Council, to accept the accompanying Photograph of the Cup.

With high esteem,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WM. BRIGHT,

Capt., S.V.C.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,

Chairman of the Municipal Council,
Shanghai.

Shanghai, 15th June 1887.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, and in reply I beg to say that the Council have much pleasure in accepting the photograph of the Municipal Challenge Cup, which you have been good enough to send to me, and which shall be framed and hung in the Board Room as a souvenir of old times.

The Council desire me to congratulate you upon having won this much coveted trophy, for which so many members of the Volunteer Corps have competed during the past seventeen years, and they have no doubt it will always be highly valued by you as evidence of your having been for two successive years the Champion Marksman of the Corps.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,

Chairman.

To Captain W. BRIGHT,

Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

A New Cup was ordered but had not been delivered to the Council on 31st December.

Uniforms.—During the year 85 uniforms have been issued, making 843 since the commencement of the present system in 1880.

Artillery Ponies.—During the year 8 ponies have been constantly kept for the Artillery.

Ammunition, Arms, Accoutrements, and Equipments Generally.—Full information regarding these is given in the following list and in the letter of 14th July 1887.

S. V. C.

RETURN OF ARMS, ACCOUTREMENTS, AND AMMUNITION—31st DECEMBER 1887.

LIGHT HORSE EQUIPMENT.

	Stock at last Inspection	Since received.	Total.	Sold or otherwise disposed of	Stock at Date.	In Armoury.	In Possession.	REMARKS.
Belts, Revolver	6	...	6	...	6	...	6	All old Belts condemned.
Belts, Shdr. & Pouches & Sword Belts in one	38	...	38	2	36	8	28	
do. Sword, Old Pattern.....	47	...	47	44	3	3	...	
Breastplates	20	...	20	...	20	...	20	
do. for Officers	4	...	4	...	4	...	4	
Bridles, complete	20	...	20	...	20	1	19	1 Carbine condemned in June.
do. do. for Officers.....	4	...	4	...	4	...	4	
Buckets, Carbine.....	27	...	27	7	20	20	...	
Carbines, M. H., Old Pattern	26	...	26	5	21	21	...	
Chain reins, prs.	36	...	36	...	36	2	34	
Monograms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Condemned in June.
Revolvers	6	...	6	...	6	...	6	
do. Cases	6	...	6	...	6	...	6	
do. Pouches, Cartridge	6	...	6	...	6	6	...	24 handed over to Members.
Sabres, Old Pattern.....	38	...	38	5	33	28	...	
Saddle-Cloths	50	...	50	11	39	7	32	
Steel Box Spurs and Boxes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Wallets	36	...	36	2	34	2	32	
Carbines, M. H., New Pattern	50	...	50	...	50	26	24	
do. Sword Bayonets.....	50	...	50	...	50	50	...	
do. do. do. Scabbards.....	50	...	50	...	50	50	...	
do. Slings	50	...	50	...	50	26	24	
Swords, Cavalry, New Pattern.....	50	...	50	...	50	26	24	
do. Knots	36	...	36	6	30	5	25	

ARMS AND ACCOUTREMENTS—ARTILLERY EQUIPMENT.

GUNS AND GUN CARRIAGES.	2 12-pounder Brass Howitzers, with Carriages complete. 1 Gatling, 1 Blakeley, and 2 Ship Guns. 4 9-pounder R.B.L. Guns, with Carriages, Limbers, and equipment complete.							
GUN WAGGONS.	2 Waggon for Howitzers. 2 „ Ammunition, with Limbers, spare wheel each, and equipment complete. 1 Portable Magazine with Shafts, complete.							
HARNESS.	6 Sets in fair condition, 12 more or less damaged. 28 { 7 Near wheelers, 14 Leggings, 5 Breastplates } { 7 Off „ 14 Whips, 5 Cruppers } { 7 Near leaders, 5 Saddles, Drivers' and } { 7 Off „ 5 Bridles, Nos. 1. }							
	Stock at last Inspection.	Since received.	Total.	Sold or otherwise disposed of.	Stock at date.	In Armoury.	In Possession.	REMARKS.
Belts, Waist, Buff, Leather	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Condemned in June.
do. do. Enamelled Leather	48	...	48	...	48	...	48	
do. do. Officers' Sword	4	...	4	...	4	...	4	
do. do. Sergeants' Sword	4	...	4	...	4	...	4	
do. Officers' Shoulder and Pouches	4	...	4	...	4	...	4	
do. Other Ranks' Shoulder Pouches	48	...	48	...	48	...	48	
do. Revolver	50	...	50	...	50	50	...	Condemned in June.
Case for Revolver	50	...	50	...	50	20	30	
Frogs, Buff, Leather	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
do. Enamelled Leather	48	...	48	...	48	...	48	
Pouch, Revolver Cartridge	50	...	50	...	50	50	...	

ARMS AND ACCOUTREMENTS—continued.

	Stock at last inspection.	Since received	Total.	Sold or otherwise disposed of.	Stock at date.	In Armoury.	In Possession.	REMARKS.
ARTILLERY EQUIPMENT.								
Revolvers	50	...	50	...	50	20	30	
Swords, Officers' and Sergeants'	7	...	7	...	7	...	7	
do. Bayonets	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	See Infantry Equipment.
do. do. Scabbards	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	do. do.
do. Knots	8	...	8	...	8	...	8	
Carbines, M. H., New Pattern	50	...	50	...	50	15	35	
do. do. Sword Bayonets	50	...	50	...	50	15	35	
do. do. Scabbards	50	...	50	...	50	15	35	
do. do. Jags	50	...	50	...	50	15	35	
do. do. Sight Protectors	50	...	50	...	50	15	35	
Trumpets	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	
Bugles	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	
INFANTRY EQUIPMENT.								
Rifles, M. H., Old Pattern, complete.....	219	...	219	...	219	161	58	65 condemned in June.
do. do. New do. do.	238	...	238	...	238	109	129	8 do. do.
Bayonets, Sword	268	...	268	...	268	202	58	In addition to 8 Bayonets and Scabbards in possession of Artillery.
do. do. Scabbards.....	268	...	268	...	268	202	58	
do. Triangular	237	...	237	...	237	119	118	
do. do. Scabbards	235	...	235	...	235	116	119	
Belts, Waist, Leather, Buff.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
do. do. do. Brown	99	...	99	...	99	49	50	153 condemned in June.
do. do. do. Enamelled	265	...	265	20	245	119	126	
do. do. Officers' Sword	30	...	30	5	25	14	11	

INFANTRY EQUIPMENT—continued.

	Stock at last Inspection.	Since received	Total	Sold or otherwise disposed of.	Stock at date.	In Armoury.	In Possession.	REMARKS.
Bugles	9	...	9	3	6	5	1	2 returned to owners and 1 transferred to Artillery.
Burnishers	4	...	4	...	4	3	1	
Cleaning-Rods, Extra	26	...	26	...	26	26	...	4 broken.
Frogs, Leather, Buff	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
do. do. Brown	99	...	99	...	99	49	50	60 condemned in June.
do. do. Enamelled	265	...	265	20	245	119	126	20 do.
Jags	570	...	570	33	537	313	224	
Knee-Caps	45	...	45	...	45	...	45	Rifle Butts.
Muzzle-Stoppers	275	...	275	...	275	217	58	
Pouches, Black Leather	443	...	443	19	424	208	216	19 condemned.
Sashes, Silk (Officer and Sergeants)	33	...	33	4	29	10	19	
Sight-Protectors	350	...	350	...	350	193	157	
Swivels	12	...	12	...	12	...	12	
Swords, Officers' Infantry	12	...	12	...	12	4	*8	*Including 1 F. O.
do. do. Knots	20	...	20	3	17	3	14	
Cross-Belts and Pouches	169	...	169	...	169	169	...	
Slings, White Enamelled	299	...	299	9	290	164	126	61 condemned in June.
do. Brown	131	...	131	...	131	79	52	
Revolvers, Cases, Belts, Pouches	11	...	11	...	11	3	8	
Morris' Tubes	10	...	10	...	10	10	...	

AMMUNITION.

	Stock at last Inspection.	Since received.	Total.	Expended on Service.	Issued free.	SOLD.	Total expended.	Stock at date.	Present Stock stored.		REMARKS.
									Footung.	Ma'zine.	
12-pr. Howitzer Shells, C.....	72	...	72	...	...	...	...	72	...	72	F. E.
do. do. S.....	134	...	134	...	...	...	...	134	...	134	
do. Case Shot	194	...	194	...	...	...	...	194	...	194	
do. Case Shot	237	...	237	...	...	...	...	237	...	237	
Blakely Case Shot	49	...	49	...	...	...	...	49	...	49	Clothing store.
do. Shell, Empty	140	...	140	...	...	...	...	140	...	140	
Bursting-Charges, Percussion Fuzes	164	...	164	...	...	...	...	164	...	...	
do. do. S.....	93	...	93	...	...	...	...	93	...	93	
Revolver Cartridges	17,858	...	17,858	...	30	350	380	17,478	...	17,478	Clothing store.
Cartridges for 12-pr. Howitzers....	565	...	565	...	101	...	101	464	...	464	
Carbine Ball Cartridges.....	3,580	...	3,580	...	432	2,200	2,632	948	...	948	
Fuses C.	58	...	58	...	...	...	...	58	...	...	
do. S.	258	...	258	...	...	...	...	258	...	...	Clothing store.
Friction-Tubes	575	...	575	...	125	...	125	450	...	...	
Gatling Cartridges (Ball).....	28,500	...	28,500	...	...	...	...	28,500	...	28,500	
M. H. Ball Cartridges	36,095	30,000	66,095	...	10,624	15,700	26,324	39,971	...	39,971	
do. Stadt Amsterdam	15,060	...	15,060	...	...	...	...	15,060	...	15,060	Clothing store. do.
M. H. Blank Ammunition	18,235	3,049	21,284	...	8,984	...	8,984	12,300	...	12,300	
Signal-Rockets	8	...	8	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	
do. Blue Lights.....	29	...	29	...	8	...	8	21	...	...	
Skin Revolver Cartridges.....	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	Tins. do.
do. " Caps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Remington Cartridge Powder Tins	17	...	17	...	...	...	...	17	...	17	
Case shot 9-pr. R.B.L.	165	...	165	...	...	...	...	165	...	165	

AMMUNITION—continued.

	Stock at last inspection.	Since received.	Total.	Expended on Service.	Issued free.	Sold.	Total expended.	Stock at date.	Present Stock stored.		REMARKS.
									Pootung.	Ma'zine.	
Shrapnel Shell R.B.L.	168	...	168	...	...	...	...	168	...	168	
Segment " "	76	...	76	...	...	...	...	76	...	76	
Common " "	76	...	76	...	...	...	...	76	...	76	
Fuzes, Percussion "	173	...	173	...	12	...	12	161	}	...	Clothing store.
" Detonating "	244	...	244	...	12	...	12	232			
Friction Tubes "	475	...	475	...	...	...	...	475			
Shot, Solid "	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	
Cartridges "	451	21	472	...	...	...	...	472	...	472	
Morris' Cartridges for Tubes	1,000	...	1,000	...	...	...	...	1,000	...	...	Clothing store.

NOTE.—The "last inspection" referred to in the list is that dated June 1887. All articles missing have been struck off the list, and the stock at date therefore includes no doubtful items. The above return includes some arms lent to the police but it does not include any of the arms belonging to the police force.

G. JAMES MORRISON, Major,

Commanding, S.V.C.

WATCH MATTERS.

LIGHTING.

The usual provision was made in the Budget for the lighting of the Settlement by gas and electricity.

Gas Lamps.—The contract with the Gas Company, which expired on the 30th June, was renewed for another year on the same terms as before.

∇ The total number of lamps now provided is 317, against 314 last year.

Shanghai, 30th June 1887.

SIR,—I am instructed to remind you, that the agreement between the Council and this Company for lighting the Settlement terminates this day, and to say that the Directors are willing to renew the agreement for the supply of Gas necessary for lighting the streets at \$3.30 per lamp per month for the year ending 30th June 1888, the other terms on which the Company serve the Public remaining as at present, viz.: subject to the fines as in the past for lamps being out; the labour, lighting, extinguishing and cleaning the lamps, the yearly painting and general repairs free of cost; the number of lamps not to be less than the present number of 317 lamps.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHR. SCHEPPELMANN,

Acting Secretary.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 6th July 1887.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, reminding me that the agreement between the Council and the Gas Company for lighting a portion of the Settlement terminated on that day and intimating that your Directors are willing to renew the agreement for another year on the same terms as at present.

Your letter has been submitted to the Council, who in reply direct me to inform you that they accept the offer of your Directors to renew the agreement to light the streets of the Settlement at Three Dollars thirty cents (\$3.30) per lamp per month for the year terminating on 30th June 1888, the other terms on which the Company serve the public remaining as at present, and the number of lamps to be not less than three hundred and seventeen (317).

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

CHR. SCHEPPELMANN, Esq.,
Acting Secretary,
Shanghai Gas Company.

Electric Lamps.—The arrangement with the Shanghai Electric Company, for lighting certain portions of the Settlement, has been continued during the year and still remains in force.

LICENSES.

During the past year there has been a large addition to the number of native residents in the Settlement, and the amount collected for license fees is again considerably over the estimates, the excess for the year being nearly Tls. 6,200.

The total amount of fees collected is Tls. 96,500, against Tls. 91,300 last year, an increase of Tls. 5,200, of which the greater portion has as usual been derived from the fees on carriages, jin-rik-shas, and opium-shops, but nearly all have produced rather more than last year.

Opium-Shops.—The average number licensed each month has been about 900, against 840 last year, and the fees amount to Tls. 27,600 against Tls. 26,000.

Pawn-Shops.—A few additional shops have been opened during the year, the following being the number licensed each quarter compared with last year:—

1st Quarter : 74 against 62 last year.

2nd " 76 " 68 "

3rd " 79 " 77 "

4th " 81 " 74 "

and the fees collected amount to Tls. 3,470, against Tls. 3,340.

Tea-Shops.—During the year the number licensed each month has been about 280, against 270 last year, whilst the fees amount to Tls. 2,869, against Tls. 2,745.

Jin-rik-shas.—There is again a large increase in the number plying for hire in the Settlement, the licenses issued each month having been about 2,600, against 2,400 last year, or, for the whole year, 31,450, against 29,100. The fees amount to Tls. 34,000, against Tls. 31,800.

Carriages.—The number of licenses issued has averaged fully 220 per month, against 177 last year, or 2,640 for the whole year, against 2,100, and the fees collected amount to Tls. 8,200, against Tls. 6,870.

Wheelbarrows.—Have rather decreased in number, only 23,000, or 1,900 per month, having been licensed, against 24,600, or 2,050 per month, last year. The fees amount to Tls. 5,650, against Tls. 6,000 last year.

Native Water-Carts.—Are still decreasing in number, the fees collected only amounting to Tls. 350, against Tls. 577 last year, and Tls. 720 in 1885; for the whole year 240 have been licensed, against 395 last year, and 496 in 1885.

Cargo-Boats.—There is again a slight decrease in the amount of license fees collected on foreign, and an increase in those on native cargo-boats, the total amounting to Tls. 6,100 against Tls. 5,870 last year.

Foreign and Native Liquor Licenses.—The following are the fees collected :—

Foreign Taverns.....Tls. 1,925, against Tls. 1,778 last year.

Native Liquor-sellers... „ 1,730 „ „ 1,890 „

„ Wine-shops..... „ 2,265 „ „ 2,230 „

Tls. 5,920

Tls. 5,898

POLICE.

CAPT.-SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
Central Station,
Shanghai, 12th January 1888.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honor to forward herewith the usual Annual Returns connected with the Police Department of the Municipal Council for the year ending the 31st December 1887.

I.—Showing the present strength of, and the variations in the Force during the year 1887.

II.—Monthly Return of Natives apprehended by the Municipal Police during 1887.

III.—Condition of Chinese Prisoners apprehended by the Municipal Police during 1887.

IV.—Return of Punishment inflicted on Chinese Prisoners apprehended by the Municipal Police during 1887.

V.—Weekly Return of Prisoners confined in the Municipal Gaols during 1887.

VI.—Return of Foreigners arrested and charged by the Municipal Police during 1887.

VII.—Comparative Table of Arrests for 1885, 1886 and 1887.

VIII.—Return of Foreigners arrested and not charged, etc., during 1887.

IX.—Return of Warrants executed and Summons served during 1887.

FOREIGNERS.

Three deaths occurred in this branch of the Force during 1887: two of the men were Citizens of the United States, and the other an Englishman. The Agreements entered into with sixteen of the Foreign

members of the Force expire during 1888, and as most of them are good, reliable men, well acquainted with Police work and the requirements of the Settlements, I would beg to suggest the advisability of retaining their services. With few exceptions the conduct, of this foreign branch of the Force, has been very good.

INDIANS.

These men are doing their work in a fairly satisfactory way, as the absence of any serious collisions at the different street-crossings will show. Their work is very trying (especially during the winter) and requires vigilance and constant care and attention. Two Indian troopers now patrol the Bubbling Well Road during the afternoon; this addition has been made in consequence of the increased traffic on the road, with satisfactory results. A trooper also patrols the Yangtsepoo Road during the night and visits the Point at least once during his tour of duty, with the result that no case of a foreigner being taken into the country and robbed has occurred.

NATIVES.

There is a general improvement in the way in which the Native Members of the Force are performing their duties, more especially during the night; all doors and windows are tried, and if they are found to be insecurely fastened, the occupant of the house is called: this is sometimes a thankless task, as instead of being encouraged, the Constables often get abused. The native detectives also work fairly well, as the proportion of property recovered to the amount stolen will show.

STATIONS.

The much-needed new station in the Louza District will be constructed during 1888, and although the position is not as central as could be desired, it is the best that could be obtained. A certain portion of this station will be set apart for the accommodation of Native Constables, which will greatly improve the working of the district, as there will always be a number of men in the Station in case their services are

required. It would be a great boon to the men, as well as an improvement in the working of the force generally, if quarters at each of the stations were provided for the accommodation, of at least a portion, of the Native members of the Police.

GAOL.

The weekly average of prisoners confined in the Municipal Gaol during 1887 was 95.38 against 75.51 in 1886, 78.36 in 1885 and 77.36 in 1884; if the number of prisoners goes on increasing in the same proportion, as between 1886 and 1887, the gaol accommodation will have to be largely increased. I do not think simple imprisonment is a sufficiently deterrent punishment, especially for old offenders, and I would beg to suggest that a number of cells be constructed on the separate system, where old offenders can be kept apart from the rest of the prisoners. Several cases of prisoners "squeezing" each other have been brought before the Mixed Court, and the guilty parties severely punished. The greatest number of prisoners confined on any one day during the year was 139 on the 17th of December.

CRIME.

A girl died from the effects of opium, self-administered, and five people were taken before the Mixed Court for being instrumental in causing her death; they were sent to the City Magistrate. One female was sent to the city for having strangled her husband while he was lying on his bed drunk.

A Japanese was sent to Japan for trial for causing the death of a Native. The Native entered the house of the Japanese in Hongkew to steal, and while removing the stolen articles, he was disturbed, and chased by the Japanese with a drawn sword, and killed a few hundred yards from the house. The body of the Native was recognized as that of an old offender, and a portion of the property stolen was found in the pocket of the clothing as well as pawn-tickets relating to the proceeds of a former robbery.

With the above exceptions there has been no crime of a serious nature in the Settlements.

A great many of the larcenies committed are entirely owing to carelessness; the people go out and either leave their doors open or do not securely fasten them. If they would only be careful to see their doors and windows secure, there would be far fewer larcenies, etc., to record.

Seven hundred and forty-six thousand spurious cash has been seized in the Settlements during the year.

STORAGE OF KEROSENE OIL.

It is most desirable that some improvements should be made in the storage of Kerosine oil; the only regulation at present in force is, that no shop is allowed to store more than ten cases.

There are at present 288 shops kept by Natives selling kerosine in the Settlements, viz., 144 in Hongkew and the same number in the English Settlement. Several of these shops adjoin each other, and when it is taken into consideration that they are each allowed to store 100 gallons of oil without restrictions, it can be easily understood, if a fire does break out, what the chances are of its spreading.

I would beg to suggest for the consideration of the Council, that in future no shop should be allowed to sell kerosine oil without a license, and to this license should be appended, such regulations for the safe storage of the oil, as may be deemed needful.

COMMON LODGING-HOUSES AND MARINE OR SECOND-HAND

SHOP-KEEPERS.

The licensing of these houses is most desirable for the peace and good order of the Settlements. The lodging-houses are in many cases the resort of thieves and bad characters; and the second-hand shops are the receptacles for stolen property. The lodging-houses are visited several times weekly, yet still they are constantly found harbouring bad characters. The second-hand shops can at present only be searched under a warrant from the Magistrate, and I see no reason why their shops should be exempt, when free access is allowed to pawn-shops.

SIGN-BOARDS, ETC.

I would beg to call the attention of the Council to the numerous hanging sign-boards in the Settlements. These sign-boards are a great obstruction to the side-walks and are of very little use to the shop-keepers. Sign-boards placed over the shops or against the wall would be equally useful in attracting customers ; and I feel sure if an order was given for all sign-boards to be removed, without excepting any street or locality, there would be very little opposition to it on the part of the shop-keepers.

Sign-boards crossing the streets from side to side are also a source of public danger, especially in case of fire. I had the honor of addressing the Council as to the advisability of removing them in May 1886.

TRAFFIC.

The traffic in the streets has largely increased during the past few years ; many of the streets are far too narrow for the increasing traffic which passes through them. In the month of December there were no less than 2,897 jin-ric-shas and 2,305 wheel-barrows licensed by the Council ; in addition to this there are from five to six hundred private jin-ric-shas, and a good many sedan chairs as well as licensed, and private carriages. The total number of jin-ric-shas licensed by the Council during 1887 was 31,439, against 29,113 in 1886, and 24,008 in 1884, showing an increase in 1887 over 1884 of 7,431 vehicles, representing an increase in revenue of \$10,646.50.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the year 1887 twelve thousand four hundred and eighty-six persons have been arrested for vagrancy, rag-picking, etc., and seven thousand nine hundred and seventy-three jin-ric-sha licenses have been suspended for dirty jin-ric-sha, or coolie, or touting for hire, and obstruction. One thousand three hundred and ninety-seven dogs have been captured and destroyed. In all twenty-five thousand seven hundred and seventy-four persons came under the notice of the Police for various offences, viz., twenty-five thousand three hundred and seventy-eight Natives and three hundred and ninety-six Foreigners.

The total value of property reported stolen at the different stations during the year 1887 amounted to \$47,136.80 ; from this sum must be deducted false reports, reports of a doubtful nature, and reports of property stolen out of the limits of the Settlements \$9,029.99; leaving the actual amount reported stolen in the Settlements at \$38,106.81; \$26,079.95 was recovered by the Police, or seven tenths of the total amount stolen in the Settlements.

In conclusion, I may mention that 654 new houses have been built in the Settlements during 1887.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. McEUN,

*Captain-Superintendent,
S. M. P.*

To G. J. MORRISON, Esq.

M. ADLER, Esq.

R. DE MALHERBE, Esq.

} *Watch Committee.*

I—PRESENT STRENGTH OF AND VARIATIONS AND ALTERATIONS
IN THE FORCE DURING THE YEAR 1887.

Present Force.	Alterations.	Promotions.
1 Capt.-Supt.		
1 Chief Inspector ...		
5 Inspectors ...	1 Inspector resigned.	
	1 " Time expired	
	1 " dismissed.	
16 Sergeants... ...	1 Sergeant dismissed.	1 Sgt. to Inspector
	1 " removed to Detective Department	3 " from 2nd class to 1st class.
	1 Sergeant reduced to Constable.	
30 Constables ...	18 Constables joined.	6 Cons. promoted to Sergeant.
	4 " resigned.	
	8 " dismissed.	
	3 " deceased.	
0 Jemadar	1 Jemadar resigned.	
4 Sikh Sergeants ...	1 Sikh Sgt. resigned.	
46 " Constables ...	8 " Cons. joined.	1 Sikh Cons. pro- moted to Sgt.
	3 " " resigned	
	3 " " dismissed	
2 Clerks & Interpreters		
1 Chinese Writer.		
1 " Shroff.		
1 Chief Detective		
1 Detective Sergeant		
11 Detectives	1 Detective reduced to Station Interpreter	2 Acting Detectives to Detectives.
7 Station Interpreters	1 Acting Station In- terpreter reduced to Constable.	1 Acting Station Interpreter to Station Inter- preter.
3 " " Actg.		
13 Native Sergeants...		
176 " Constables.	26 Native Cons. joined	1 Native Constable promoted to Detective.
	1 " " resigned	
	14 " " dismissed	
	2 " " deceased	
	2 " " returned from special duty.	

Total 319 men on the 1st day of January 1888, not including 1 Store-keeper.

II.—MONTHLY RETURNS OF PRISONERS

FROM 1ST JANUARY TO

MONTH.	Arson.	Assault.	Burglary and house-breaking.	Cruelty to animals.	Cutting and wounding.	Drunkenness.	Embezzlement.	Fighting and [or] creating disturbance.	Firing crackers and [or] burning Joss-papers.	Forgery.	Fraud.	Furious riding or driving.	Gambling.	Kidnapping.	Larceny from person.	Larceny from dwellings, &c.	Larceny by servants.	Loitering
January	17	5	...	2	1	1	15	201	1	1	1	1	7	...	74	...	1	
February	25	3	1	..	5	...	35	4	3	2	3	3	...	4	79	2	7	
March	52	7	...	2	4	...	16	...	2	1	3	5	2	1	122	...	3	
April	48	2	...	2	6	1	24	24	...	...	1	15	7	...	91	...	7	
May	29	7	3	...	1	1	39	12	...	4	8	19	8	3	78	1	10	
June	40	2	...	...	...	...	17	...	4	2	6	3	4	1	79	...	5	
July	64	2	1	2	2	1	50	...	...	5	4	4	10	13	92	3	4	
August	54	4	4	1	2	...	56	...	...	...	8	1	...	...	89	7	6	
September ...	29	8	1	...	1	...	30	1	..	4	5	9	1	1	74	8	1	
October	25	2	7	1	1	...	45	...	...	...	7	2	4	4	68	8	3	
November ...	35	1	2	2	6	...	46	...	...	1	2	10	7	1	83	...	5	
December ...	43	4	...	...	14	...	42	...	...	5	1	65	...	8	79	...	1	
TOTALS	461	47	19	12	43	4	415	242	10	25	49	137	50	36	1008	29	53	

APPREHENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL POLICE,
31ST DECEMBER 1887.

															TOTALS.	
<i>Misemeanour.</i>	<i>Manslaughter.</i>	<i>Nuisance.</i>	<i>Obstruction.</i>	<i>Obtaining goods and [or] money under false pretences.</i>	<i>Property, receiving stolen.</i>	<i>Possession, unlawful.</i>	<i>Returning from deportation.</i>	<i>Riotous and [or] destroying property.</i>	<i>Hobbery.</i>	<i>Squeezing.</i>	<i>Suicide, attempted.</i>	<i>Uttering.</i>	<i>Vagrancy.</i>	<i>Jin-ric-sha coolies, dirty or ply- ing for hire with dirty vehicles</i>	<i>Grand</i>	<i>Omitting vagrancy and Jin-ric- shas.</i>
15 ...	97	5	1	1	3	1	2	...	5	1	3	1285	375	2,122	462	
26 ...	98	4	...	3	1	2	8	2	3	1	1	980	678	1,983	325	
46 ...	218	1	...	4	4	3	...	...	2	...	1	1094	836	2,429	499	
29 ...	176	2	1	...	9	1	2	1	13	1	5	1141	792	2,401	468	
10 5	130	5	...	4	5	2	...	...	9	3	2	1094	880	2,372	398	
16 ...	172	4	1	2	1	3	...	...	3	1	2	1014	566	1,948	368	
16 ...	173	8	1	...	18	2	...	...	6	...	2	873	696	2,052	483	
19 ...	154	4	1	1	7	...	1	...	7	...	...	680	642	1,748	426	
5 1	99	2	3	2	10	...	2	...	6	...	2	722	422	1,449	305	
7 ...	115	1	2	4	7	...	1	...	10	...	...	1288	586	2,198	324	
20 ...	143	3	2	3	18	...	...	...	22	1	...	1150	820	2,383	413	
34 ...	129	1	2	...	7	...	2	...	11	...	...	1165	680	2,293	448	
243	6	1704	40	14	24	90	14	18	3	97	8	18	12486	7,973	25,379	4,919

III.—CONDITION OF CHINESE PRISONERS APPREHENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL POLICE FORCE,
FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 1887.

OFFENCES.	Neither read nor write.		Read only or read and write im- perfectly.		Read and write well.		Known Thieves.		Unknown.		Opium- smokers.		10 and un- der 20 years		20 and un- der 30 years		30 and un- der 40 years		40 years and upwards.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Arson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assault	372	4	11	1	73	...	18	...	438	5	60	...	41	...	206	3	133	2	76	...	461
Burglary & house-breaking	41	...	1	...	5	...	23	...	24	...	24	...	8	...	18	...	18	...	3	...	47
Cruelty to animals	17	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	19	...	1	...	2	...	13	...	2	...	2	...	19
Cutting and wounding	10	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	4	...	6	...	12
Drunkenness	29	...	2	...	12	...	1	...	42	...	3	...	3	...	20	...	12	...	8	...	43
Embezzlement.....	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	4
Fighting ^{and} or creating distur- bance	353	...	3	...	59	...	19	...	396	...	65	...	23	...	221	...	119	..	52	...	415
Firing crackers and [or] burn- ing Joss-papers	150	...	...	...	92	...	...	...	242	...	35	...	34	...	63	...	80	...	65	...	242
Forgery	2	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	10	...	4	...	2	...	3	...	4	...	1	...	10
Fraud	9	...	...	...	16	...	3	...	22	...	5	...	...	...	14	...	9	...	2	...	25
Furious riding [or] driving ...	38	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	49	...	2	...	9	...	27	...	10	...	3	...	49
Gambling	115	...	3	...	19	...	23	...	114	...	33	...	9	...	34	...	46	...	48	...	137
Kidnapping	34	15	...	...	1	...	1	2	34	13	10	1	3	...	10	3	13	4	9	8	50

Larceny from person	32	1	...	...	3	...	6	...	29	1	13	...	7	...	20	1	6	...	2	...	36
" " dwellings, &c. ...	863	..	31	...	114	...	243	...	765	..	462	...	81	...	455	...	322	...	150	...	1008
" by servants	20	...	...	...	9	...	2	...	27	...	6	...	8	...	14	...	5	...	2	...	29
Loitering	45	...	1	...	7	...	43	...	10	...	30	...	6	...	15	...	18	...	14	...	53
Misdemeanor	192	14	1	...	36	...	15	...	217	11	48	...	32	1	91	7	71	2	38	1	243
Manslaughter	4	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	5	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	3	1	6
Nuisance	1390	...	...	...	314	...	...	...	1704	...	350	...	145	...	543	...	551	...	465	...	1704
Obstruction	38	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	39	...	3	...	2	...	13	...	14	...	11	...	40
Obtaining goods ^{and} or money under false pretences.....	6	1	...	...	7	...	1	...	12	1	3	...	1	...	6	...	4	1	2	...	14
Property, receiving stolen	18	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	24	...	7	...	2	...	7	...	5	...	10	...	24
Possession, unlawful	63	1	2	...	24	...	6	...	83	1	30	...	4	...	39	...	26	...	20	1	90
Returning from deportation ...	14	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	5	...	4	...	5	...	14
Riotous ^{and} or destroying property	17	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	18	...	1	...	1	...	10	...	2	...	5	...	18
Robbery	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	3
Squeezing	67	...	1	...	29	...	17	...	80	...	23	...	...	...	44	...	32	...	21	...	97
Suicide, attempted	2	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	8	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	3	...	1	...	8
Uttering	14	1	...	...	3	...	5	...	12	1	9	...	...	...	5	1	6	...	6	...	18
Total...	3958	38	56	1	866	...	441	2	4442	34	1238	1	423	1	1905	15	1524	9	1031	11	4919

IV.—RETURN OF PUNISHMENTS INFLICTED ON CHINESE PRISONERS APPREHENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL POLICE,
FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 1887.

OFFENCES.	BLOWS.			CANGUE.			IMPRISONMENT.				BLOWS, CANGUE & IMPRISONMENT.						Fined or to give Security.	Referred to City.	Deported.	Remanded.	Cautioned.	Discharged.	Sent to Refuge.	Total.
	Under 50.	50 and under 100.	Upwards of 100.	Not exceed. 7 days.	7 days not over 1 month.	Upwards of 1 month.	Not exceed. 7 days.	Over 7 days not exed. 1 month.	Over 1 mth. not exed. 6 months.	Upwards 6 months.	Not exed. 100.	Ups. of 100.	Not ex. 1 mth.	Ups. 1 mth.	Not exceed. 6 months.	Ups. 6 mths.								
Arson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Assault	6	16	11	3	...	...	54	52	3	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	190	12	5	2	56	49	1	a461
Burglary and House-breaking.	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	16	12	...	1	5	1	...	6	1	...	2	3	...	...	3	1	a 47
Cruelty to Animals.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Cutting and Wounding	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	...	...	...	2	...	12
Drunkenness	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	1	...	...	11	...	...	43
Embezzlement.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	4
Fighting ^{and} creating distur- _{or} bance.	1	10	4	...	...	...	66	16	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	156	5	7	...	108	36	1	a415
Firing crackers ^{and} burning _{or} Joss-papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	242	...	...	...	...	...	...	242
Forgery.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	10
Fraud	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	1	2	2	1	1	25
Furious riding ^{and} driving..... _{or}	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	...	...	...	3	...	...	49

Gambling	1	2	2	1	...	19	47	5	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	41	1	6	...	5	4	1	b137	
Kidnapping	...	2	...	2	2	...	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	27	7	...	...	...	...	c 50	
Larceny from person	1	2	1	...	...	3	10	5	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	3	1	2	...	3	3	...	36	
" " dwellings, &c....	11	37	12	1	...	153	362	112	6	16	18	2	...	32	4	100	40	57	6	37	44	12	d1008	
" by servants.....	...	1	...	...	...	1	12	5	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	7	1	...	...	1	...	...	29	
Loitering	...	...	2	...	...	...	17	8	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	5	2	16	...	4	...	3	e 53	
Misdemeanor.....	2	8	...	...	...	10	14	6	...	1	2	...	...	3	...	103	33	16	...	19	29	2	b243	
Manslaughter	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	6	
Nuisance	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1699	...	...	...	3	...	...	1704	
Obstruction.....	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	1	...	...	10	1	...	40	
Obtaining goods ^{and} or money } under false pretences	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	1	1	...	...	...	a 14	
Property, receiving stolen	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	2	...	1	4	...	b 24	
Possession (unlawful)	...	1	...	...	1	...	12	16	7	...	...	1	...	1	...	15	18	4	...	10	5	...	90	
Returning from deportation ...	...	2	...	...	...	...	7	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	e 14	
Riotous ^{and} or destroying property.	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	12	...	1	...	2	...	...	18	
Robbery	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Squeezing	3	4	6	...	3	3	12	17	10	...	...	7	8	...	3	...	16	7	5	...	2	3	...	e97
Suicide (attempted)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	6	8	
Uttering	...	...	1	...	...	...	6	3	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	4	1	2	...	...	...	...	a18	
Total.....	24	83	39	8	7	5	353	609	200	10	22	38	15	1	55	7	2739	169	144	11	277	191	28	4919

a 1 deported in addition to other punishment. b 2 deported in addition to other punishment. c 3 deported in addition to other punishment.
d 18 deported in addition to other punishment. e 6 deported in addition to other punishment.

V.—WEEKLY RETURN OF PRISONERS CONFINED IN MUNICIPAL GAOLS DURING 1887.

DATE 1887.	FOREIGNERS.			CHINESE.			Total.	DATE. 1887.	FOREIGNERS.			CHINESE.			Total.
	Central.	Hong- kew.	Lowza.	Central.	Hong- kew.	Lowza.			Central.	Hong- kew.	Lowza.	Central.	Hong- kew.	Lowza.	
								<i>Brought forward</i>	4	6	...	281	1,648	263	2,202
January 1	...	...	...	15	79	13	107	July 2	...	...	...	11	61	7	79
" 8	...	...	...	21	80	3	104	" 9	1	1	...	13	67	14	96
" 15	1	...	...	10	80	6	97	" 16	...	...	...	7	65	9	81
" 22	...	...	...	10	77	8	95	" 23	...	...	...	7	78	14	99
" 29	...	...	...	11	65	14	90	" 30	...	...	...	7	79	14	100
February 5	...	1	...	10	61	7	79	August 6	...	...	...	11	80	8	99
" 12	...	...	...	8	61	18	87	" 13	...	...	...	12	74	11	97
" 19	...	...	...	17	50	20	87	" 20	...	...	...	11	73	6	90
" 26	...	...	...	11	52	12	75	" 27	...	...	...	9	73	15	97
March 5	1	...	...	11	45	11	68	September 3	...	...	...	13	78	8	99
" 12	...	1	...	11	42	17	71	" 10	...	...	...	8	77	10	95
" 19	...	...	...	21	49	11	81	" 17	...	...	...	14	74	10	98
" 26	...	...	...	14	58	7	79	" 24	...	...	...	8	74	11	93
April 2	...	...	...	8	68	4	80	October 1	...	...	...	9	73	13	95
" 9	...	...	...	10	67	13	90	" 8	...	...	...	5	77	14	96
" 16	...	...	...	6	75	15	96	" 15	...	...	...	7	79	9	95
" 23	...	...	...	7	75	12	94	" 22	...	...	...	8	76	8	92
" 30	...	2	...	9	66	7	84	" 29	...	...	...	10	79	6	95
May 7	...	...	...	6	70	11	87	November 5	...	...	...	13	83	3	99
" 14	...	...	...	6	66	10	82	" 12	...	...	...	16	91	8	115
" 21	2	1	...	7	53	7	70	" 19	1	...	...	17	92	9	119
" 28	...	...	...	9	57	5	71	" 26	...	...	...	17	84	21	122
June 4	...	...	...	10	54	6	70	December 3	...	...	...	14	81	15	110
" 11	...	1	...	17	66	7	91	" 10	...	...	...	23	80	12	115
" 18	...	...	...	10	66	11	87	" 17	...	...	...	46	81	12	139
" 25	...	...	...	6	66	8	80	" 24	...	...	...	22	94	11	127
								" 31	...	...	...	17	95	4	116
Carried forward.	4	6	...	281	1,648	263	2,202	Grand Total	6	7	...	636	3,766	545	4,960
Weekly average: 95.38.															

VI.—RETURN OF FOREIGNERS ARRESTED AND CHARGED BY THE MUNICIPAL POLICE
FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 1887.

MONTH.	<i>Absentees.</i>	<i>Assault.</i>	<i>Cutting and Wounding.</i>	<i>Desertion.</i>	<i>Drunk and Incapable.</i>	<i>Drunk and Disorderly.</i>	<i>Furious riding or driving.</i>	<i>Larceny.</i>	<i>Manslaughter.</i>	<i>Misdemeanor.</i>	<i>Obtaining goods and [or] money under false pretences.</i>	<i>Refusal of duty.</i>	<i>Robbery.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
January ...	...	2	...	2	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	10
February ...	...	1	1	6	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
March ...	...	2	...	1	3	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	10
April ...	1	...	2	...	3	4	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	12
May ...	2	3	...	...	5	3	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	17
June ...	1	2	...	...	2	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	10
July ...	1	3	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
August...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3
September ...	...	2	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
October ...	...	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	8
November ...	1	1	...	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	8
December ...	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
TOTALS ...	6	20	3	9	22	32	...	10	1	2	1	...	3	109

VII.—COMPARATIVE TABLE OF ARRESTS,
1884, 1885, 1886 AND 1887.

OFFENCES.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.
Arson	7	...	3	...
Assault	491	381	414	461
Burglary and house-breaking ...	209	105	99	47
Cruelty to animals	25	18	14	19
Cutting and wounding	22	23	14	12
Drunkenness	133	101	49	43
Embezzlement	13	2	8	4
Fighting ^{and} _{or} creating disturbance.	771	532	487	415
Firing crackers ^{and} _{or} burning Joss- papers	285	146	101	242
Forgery	1	5	3	10
Fraud	50	19	10	25
Furious riding or driving ...	14	23	35	49
Gambling	415	248	137	137
Kidnapping	46	115	57	50
Larceny from persons	...	40	38	36
" " dwellings, etc. ...	1,161	910	1,042	1,008
" by servants	8	20	53	29
Loitering	51	34	35	53
Misdemeanor	433	295	225	243
Manslaughter	...	2	...	6
Nuisance	658	956	1,411	1,704
Obstruction	156	70	54	40
Obtaining goods ^{and} _{or} money under false pretences	...	18	9	14
Property, receiving stolen ...	83	51	62	24
Possession, unlawful	165	110	111	90
Returning from deportation ...	...	8	12	14
Riotous ^{and} _{or} destroying property .	22	19	21	18
Robbery	14	13	18	3
Squeezing	73	70	55	97
Suicide, attempted	24	17	14	8
Uttering	8	6	15	18

VIII.—FOREIGN PRISONERS ARRESTED AND NOT CHARGED AT CENTRAL AND HONGKEW STATIONS, &c., DURING 1887.

MONTH.	ABSENTEES.			ASSAULT.			DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.			DRUNK AND INCAPABLE.			BEGGARS, RAGPICKERS AND HAWKERS.				JIN-RIK-SHA LICENCES CONFISCATED OR SUSPENDED				DOGS.			
	Central.	Hongkew.	Total.	Central.	Hongkew.	Total.	Central.	Hongkew.	Total.	Central.	Hongkew.	Total.	Central.	Hongkew.	Lowza.	Total.	Central.	Hongkew.	Lowza.	Total.	Central.	Hongkew.	Lowza.	Total.
January	1	5	6	1	1	2	1	6	7	11	13	24	631	42	612	1285	122	80	173	375	35	21	22	78
February	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	9	20	29	427	66	487	980	105	139	434	678	22	30	16	68
March	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	3	14	17	337	125	632	1094	351	105	380	836	35	37	22	94
April	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	2	2	6	9	15	375	159	607	1141	220	176	396	792	30	44	22	96
May	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	20	26	326	174	594	1094	271	160	449	880	32	51	25	108
June	1	...	1	...	...	...	3	2	5	15	11	26	363	19	632	1014	230	118	218	566	35	48	36	119
July	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	12	19	316	30	527	873	242	114	340	696	48	44	35	127
August	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	2	10	12	257	16	407	680	243	78	321	642	42	57	45	144
September...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	3	3	4	12	16	215	25	482	722	155	37	230	422	43	59	49	151
October	3	...	3	...	...	...	2	1	3	13	4	17	339	302	647	1288	221	107	258	586	50	52	36	138
November...	...	...	...	2	..	2	...	...	...	5	11	16	410	174	566	1150	387	79	354	820	56	47	37	140
December ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	3	7	10	17	530	91	544	1165	355	61	264	680	50	39	45	134
Total...	9	8	17	9	2	11	9	16	25	88	146	234	4526	1223	6737	12486	2902	1254	3817	7973	478	529	390	1397

IX.—RETURN OF WARRANTS EXECUTED, SUMMONSES SERVED, AND PROCLAMATIONS POSTED BY THE MUNICIPAL POLICE DURING THE YEAR 1887, FROM CENTRAL, HONGKEW AND LOWZA STATIONS.

MONTH.	WARRANTS EXECUTED.				SUMMONSES SERVED.				PROCLAMATIONS POSTED.			
	Central.	Hong-kew.	Lowza.	Total.	Central.	Hong-kew.	Lowza.	Total.	Central.	Hong-kew.	Lowza.	Total.
January	2	3	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
February	4	1	1	6	1	...	2	3	...	...	...	...
March	3	4	...	7	...	1	...	1	...	1	16	17
April	3	2	1	6	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
May	1	3	3	7	1	3	1	5	...	1	3	4
June	3	3	3	9	2	1	...	3	1	...	...	1
July	2	2	2	6	2	2	2	6	...	...	...	...
August	2	5	3	10	...	2	14	16	...	...	...	...
September	1	2	2	5	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
October	3	3	5	11	...	2	1	3	...	...	5	5
November	2	3	4	9	1	3	...	4	...	2	...	2
December	6	1	...	7	1	2	1	4	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	32	32	25	89	8	18	22	48	1	4	24	29

BUBBLING WELL ROAD.

✕ *Policing.*—The policing of the Bubbling Well road has been continued during the year, although the monthly subscriptions have not come up to the amount estimated in the Budget, and are considerably under those of last year. ✕

The following are the amounts collected:—

January ...	\$184	July ...	\$178
February ...	196	August ...	174
March ...	183	September ...	158
April ...	188	October ...	175
May ...	167	November ...	180
June ...	174	December ...	180
	<u>\$1,092</u>		<u>\$1,045</u>

in all \$2,137, against \$2,336 last year, or a decrease of \$199.

BREAKING-IN PONIES.

The following correspondence refers to the alteration made in the hours during which the breaking-in of ponies to harness is allowed on the Bubbling Well road.

Shanghai, 14th March 1887.

SIR,—I beg to call your attention to the practice of breaking-in ponies in harness on the Bubbling Well road; this is permitted from daylight until 3 p.m. by Police Regulation No. 4.

This most dangerous practice has in several instances nearly resulted in serious accidents, and is the cause of much complaint among the residents in that vicinity, who now contribute to the policing of the road, and think they are entitled to have such regulations made as will do away with such a danger; and commending the subject to your careful consideration.

I remain, Sir,

Yours obediently,

W. S. WETMORE,

*Chairman of the
Bubbling Well Road Committee.*

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,

Chairman of the Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 27th March 1887.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, directing the attention of the Council to the practice of breaking-in ponies to harness upon the Bubbling Well road, which under the Police regulations is allowed from daylight till 3 p.m., and requesting that some alteration may be made so as to avoid all risk of accidents taking place.

In reply I beg to say that the Police report that no serious accidents caused by this practice have come to their knowledge, and no complaints, till now, have been made to the Council about it by any of the residents on the road. In compliance however with your request, the Police have now been instructed that the breaking-in of ponies to harness is to be confined as much as possible to the Siccawei road, and the different livery stable keepers have been told that in future it will only be allowed upon the Bubbling Well road from daylight until mid-day.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,

Chairman.

W. S. WETMORE, Esq.,

Chairman, Bubbling Well Road Committee.

TRAFFIC.

In order to regulate the carriage traffic on this road two mounted Sikh constables have been provided, who patrol the road during the afternoon and evening.

Annexed is a return of the number of vehicles which crossed the Loong-fee bridge between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m. on the 9th July, compared with the number between the same hours on 26th July 1886.

	1887.	1886.
Carriages ...	980	975
Jin-rik-shas ...	428	514
	<u>1,408</u>	<u>1,489</u>

NUISANCE BRANCH.

The Inspector reports that during the past year the streets and alley-ways in the foreign Settlements have been swept and cleaned twice daily, and have generally been kept in a satisfactory state although garbage is still put out on them after the regulation hours.

The number of cart-loads of garbage collected during the year has been, in the—

English Settlement	...	26,211, against 25,920 last year.
Hongkew	„	... 15,460 „ 15,050 „
		41,670 40,970

being an increase of 700 cart-loads; and in addition to the above 4,068 cart-loads of sand and scrapings have been collected from the side-channels and roads.

The street-sinks have been cleaned out regularly once every three weeks, and about 4,000 cart-loads of deposit have been removed from them during the year.

In September last the attention of the Council was directed to the nuisance caused by the large quantities of garbage which are allowed to accumulate on the Fearon road, and on the foreshore at the end of the Chekiang road, waiting for the boats by which it is carried away into the country, and the Inspector was directed to report upon the steps necessary to be taken in order to abate the nuisance. In October he reported as follows:—“There are great difficulties in the way of getting rid at once of the garbage deposited on the Fearon road, previous to its being removed into the country, as boats cannot load at the side of the Hongkew creek without grounding at low water; so they are obliged to remain there until the next tide; and in the meantime the garbage brought in the carts must be deposited upon the road, where it remains until other boats can come up to load.” In order to get over this difficulty he suggested that a flat-bottomed boat, or scow, should be

built and moored in the creek close to the bunding, into which the carts could shoot the garbage, so as to avoid depositing it on the road, and as there will always be water enough outside the scow for the boats to load and get away at once, the garbage will not require to remain in it for any time.

With regard to the Chekiang road, he recommended that the contractor should be allowed to employ some additional boats and coolies when necessary, the Council paying for the hire of them, and that a fine of \$5 should be inflicted on him if all the garbage is not cleared away every afternoon.

Both these suggestions have been acted upon. A scow has been built by Messrs. FARNHAM & Co., costing Tls. 380, and is moored in the Hongkew Creek, into which the carts shoot the garbage at once, without depositing it on the Fearon road, and the contractor has been allowed for the hire of 2 or 3 additional coolies and one boat. So far the new system has worked very well, and it has only been necessary to inflict the fine of \$5 on two occasions.

The new market off the Nanking road has been cleaned daily, and well washed down with water from the hydrants. The floor requires considerable repairs, and the Inspector recommends that it should either be paved or laid with concrete. An additional shed should also be provided, and the passages between the present sheds covered in, which would afford protection for about 140 stalls which, with their customers, are now quite exposed to all changes of the weather.

A small, but exceedingly offensive stagnant ditch or pond, near the Spanish Consulate, has been filled in with earth and the nuisance abated.

The native urinal off the Nanking road has been reconstructed upon an improved plan, which has entirely done away with the offensive stench from it which formerly was a nuisance to everyone passing in that neighbourhood. As this improvement has been effected at a small expense, it is strongly recommended that similar urinals should be erected in some of the more crowded streets, and supplied with water in the same way as the one in Nanking road.

The night-soil contractor has performed his work in a satisfactory manner, and few complaints have been made about non-attendance or irregularity on the part of his coolies.

SMOKE AND STEAM-WHISTLES.

In June last Messrs. SYMONS, SEWJEE & Co. complained of the smoke from the chimney of the Tah Tung Photo-Lithographic establishment on the Defence Creek, which, when the wind is easterly, is blown into the Horse Bazaar stables, and is so injurious to the health of the ponies kept there, that the owners have intimated to them that unless the nuisance is abated they will be compelled to remove their ponies.

Shortly afterwards some residents on the Bubbling Well road complained of the continuous blowing of a steam-whistle at the same place, and to the annoyance caused to them by the smoke from the chimney, which blows into their houses, and compels them to keep their windows closed, to their great inconvenience and discomfort during the warm weather.

In consequence of these complaints the owner of the establishment was called upon to abate the nuisance, which he promised to do by having the height of the chimney increased so as to carry the smoke from his premises clear of the Horse Bazaar and the houses on the Bubbling Well road, and to use the steam-whistle as seldom as possible.

The height of the chimney was increased as promised, without however having much effect; but as the use of the steam-whistle was continued, Tah Tung and the owners of some other establishments in this neighbourhood, where similar whistles are used, were taken before the Mixed Court, and were ordered by the Magistrate to abate the nuisance and to make use of bells instead of whistles to summon their workmen, but as yet they have not paid much attention to the order.

Annexed is some of the correspondence on the subject.

Shanghai, 7th June 1887.

DEAR SIR,—We shall be glad if you will bring to the notice of the Council a nuisance that has arisen, close to the Horse Bazaar, on the East side of the Defence Creek; we refer to the smoke that comes from the chimney erected on the premises of the Dah Doong Photo-Lithographic Company: being so near,

when the wind is Easterly, the smoke is blown into the Horse Bazaar Yard, and enters the office and stables, making them untenable. We shall feel greatly obliged if the Council will give this matter consideration, and see if steps can be taken to abate the nuisance.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

SYMONS, SEWJEE & CO.

To R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 9th June 1887.

I saw the Proprietor of the Lithograph Establishment referred to in Mr. SYMONS' letter of yesterday, and he expressed his willingness to do anything he possibly can so that his business shall not be a nuisance to his neighbours; he says he will, if possible, have the chimney raised 10 or 12 feet higher, which he hopes will carry the smoke sufficiently high, before discharging it, that it will pass over the Horse Bazaar buildings. I may mention that a similar establishment is getting into working order on the South side of Nankin Road, quite close to and adjoining the Carriage Factory of the Horse Bazaar; their boiler was put into position yesterday, and a single wall only separates it from the Carriage Factory.

JOHN HOWES,
Inspector of Nuisances, etc.

Shanghai, 14th June 1887.

GENTLEMEN,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant directing attention to the inconvenience caused to you by the smoke from the chimney of the Photo-Lithographic establishment near the Defence Creek, which is blown into the Horse Bazaar when the wind is easterly, making the office and stables unfit for occupation, and requesting the Council to have the nuisance abated if possible.

In reply I beg to say that the Inspector of Nuisances has called upon the owner of the establishment to which you refer, who expressed his willingness to do everything in his power to prevent his business being a nuisance to his neighbours, and he has promised to have the height of his chimney increased 10 @ 12 feet, by which means he thinks the smoke will be carried over the Horse Bazaar instead of into it, as at present.

Trusting that the proposed alteration will have the effect of abating the nuisance about which your complain.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

Messrs. SYMONS, SEWJEE & CO.,
Shanghai Horse Bazaar.

Shanghai, 21st July 1887.

SIR,—Referring to our letter of the 7th June, complaining of the nuisance caused by the smoke from the Dah Doong Photo-Lithographic Co.'s smoke stack, we are obliged to address you again, as some 5 weeks have elapsed since a promise was given that the nuisance should be abated, and nothing has been done in the meantime, the smoke this very hot weather being a greater annoyance than before; we also beg to complain of the useless and prolonged whistling upon the same premises, which begins at an early hour in the morning, and starts again at noon, and several times during the evening, and is so loud at times that it prevents conversation. Asking that you will kindly bring these matters to the notice of the Council.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

SYMONS, SEWJEE & CO.

To R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 25th July 1887.

SIR,—We, the undersigned, residing in the immediate neighbourhood of the Dah Doong Photo-Lithographic Works, next to the Defence Creek, and close to the Nanking Road Bridge, beg respectfully to draw your attention to the nuisance caused by the continuous whistling at stated times of the day, by the steam-whistle on the above premises, and to the annoyance caused by the smoke from the engine, which blows into our premises and compels us to keep windows, closed, to our great inconvenience and discomfort. And we ask that you will kindly bring the matter before the Council with a view of abating the nuisance of which we complain.

We are, Sir,

Yours respectfully,

H. SYMONS
and 5 others.

To R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 2nd August 1887.

SIR,—On the 7th of June last Messrs. Symons, Sewjee & Co. wrote to the Council complaining of the annoyance and inconvenience caused to them by the smoke from the Chimney of the Dah Doong Photo-Lithographic establishment near the Defence Creek, which fills their office and stable-yard, to the great injury of their business.

By desire of the Council, the Inspector of Nuisances informed you of these complaints, and you then promised to have the Chimney raised to such a height as would carry the smoke clear of the Horse Bazaar, and to take any other steps which might be found necessary in order to prevent your establishment being a nuisance to your neighbours.

Nothing, however, has yet been done, and the Council have recently received numerous other complaints about the smoke, which has been certified to be a nuisance, under By-Law 31, by the Health Officer and the Inspector of Nuisances. I am therefore directed to inform you that unless this nuisance is abated at once, the Council will take proceedings in the Mixed Court in order to have your establishment closed.

I am also desired to mention that complaints have been made about the prolonged whistling which goes on at your factory to the annoyance of all those living in its neighbourhood, and I shall be glad to hear from you what steps you intend taking in order to abate both the nuisances complained of.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

To the Manager,
Dah Doong Photo-Lithographic Establishment,
Shanghai.

Shanghai, 8th August 1887.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, and very much regret for the delay in having the Chimney raised so as to carry the smoke clear of the Horse Bazaar so that no inconvenience will be caused to the owners of that establishment.

I beg to inform you that I will have the necessary work done without any further delay.

As regards the prolonged whistling complained of by the neighbouring houses I will have the whistling shortened as much as lies in my power.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

沈芝生

Manager, Tah Tung Photo-Lithographic
Establishment.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 18th August 1887.

GENTLEMEN,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of 21st and 25th July intimating that nothing has yet been done by the Proprietor of the Dah Doong Photo-Lithographic establishment to abate the smoke nuisance about which you complained to the Council on the 7th June, and directing attention to the prolonged whistling on the same premises, which is a nuisance to yourselves and others.

Your letters and the certificates which accompanied them have been submitted to the Council, who in reply direct me to inform you that they again addressed the owner of the Photo-Lithographic establishment on the 2nd instant, reminding him of his promise to have the smoke nuisance abated, and they understand that he has since had the height of the chimney increased a little.

The Council have been advised that it is doubtful whether the nuisance of which you complain is sufficient to constitute a public nuisance of such a nature as to warrant their interference, and as their chance of a successful suit is very problematical, they do not see their way to take any further steps in the matter.

Should you decide upon prosecuting the case before the Mixed Court you can call upon the Municipal officers for their evidence in support of your case.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

MESSRS. SYMONS, SEWJEE & Co.,
Shanghai.

CARRIAGES.

The following letters were addressed to the Council complaining of the noise made by the carriages filled with natives, which during the summer months are driven to and from the Bubbling Well, and through the streets of the Settlement at all hours of the night.

In reply the writers were told that the Council could not comply with their requests.

Shanghai, 24th July 1887.

SIR,—We beg to submit for the consideration of the Municipal Council with regard to the licensed carriages in the Settlement. In consequence of the unlimited trade being carried on here, merchants of different nations like residing in the Settlement, which is very well governed by the rules or regulations of the Council.

But recently the number of licensed carriages is rapidly increasing and they go about the streets of the Settlement from night till morning and make noise all the time. We therefore beg that the Council will be pleased to stop these carriages going about after 1.30 a.m. By so doing the residents in the Settlement will be greatly obliged.

JE CHIN SHIN

and others,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 1st September 1887.

SIR,—Having seen an article in the *Shen Pao* of the 17th August, stating that the Municipal Council have decided that all carriages going to, and returning from the Bubbling Well are to pass along the Sinza road, we, the undersigned, have therefore repeatedly considered the matter, and now beg to suggest to the Council the advisability of making a regulation prohibiting all carriages from going to the Bubbling Well after 1 a.m.

It is well known that all business men should work during the day and sleep during the night, therefore everyone should remain at home after midnight. Those who make a practice of going out after 1 a.m. are in our opinion men of low class, therefore the regulations which we recommend can be passed without causing any inconvenience to the public.

We are, etc., etc.,

ALL MERCHANTS and BUSINESS MEN
residing in the Nanking Road.

To the MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

WHEELBARROWS.

A great many complaints have been made during the past year about the overloading of wheelbarrows, their obstruction of traffic, and the great inconvenience and danger caused to residents, owing to the large number of them which are now employed in bringing goods from the wharves in Hongkew into this Settlement, most of them being loaded in such way that the coolies in charge cannot see before them, and are often quite unable to get out of the way of passing carriages.

As wheelbarrows carrying heavy loads are prohibited from crossing over the Garden bridge, nearly all cross by the Szechuen road bridge, and pass along the Szechuen road, which, being rather narrow, is sometimes so obstructed by them that all other traffic along it is almost completely stopped.

In order to abate this nuisance as much as possible the annexed regulations have been drawn up, by which the loads allowed to be carried are limited to certain weights and dimensions; and to compensate in some measure for the damage done by them to the roads, it is recommended that next year the license fee for wheelbarrows should be increased very considerably.

Wheelbarrow Regulations.

1.—No wheelbarrow shall carry more than—

6 half-chests tea.

8 boxes kerosine oil.

20 half-boxes soap—30lbs. each.

10 boxes „ —52lbs. „

2 bales American piece goods.

2.—The width of the packages shall not exceed 5ft. 6in., that is 2ft. 9in. on each side of the barrow.

3.—No packages, however light they may be, can be carried if they in any way obstruct the coolie from seeing clearly over and on all sides of the packages.

- 4.—No packages can be carried of a cumbersome or unwieldy size which may be likely to cause an obstruction on the road or be dangerous to the passengers or carriage traffic.
- 5.—No wheelbarrow shall be allowed under any circumstances to carry more than 600lbs. dead weight.

JIN-RIK-SHAS.

Attention having been directed to the fact that the natives are in the habit of making use of jin-rik-shas to carry all sorts of articles, including meat, fish, vegetables, and furniture, etc., and that it is frequently exceedingly difficult to find a clean one, instructions were given to the police to strictly enforce the regulation which provides that only clean jin-rik-shas are allowed to ply in the Settlement, and to see that none are licensed which are not in thoroughly good order.

FURIOUS DRIVING.

Several accidents having occurred during the year owing to the furious and reckless driving which frequently takes place in the public streets, the police have been instructed to strictly enforce the regulation which authorizes them to arrest any person who shall ride, or drive furiously, any horse or carriage, to the common danger of passengers.

FLUSHING DRAINS.

In December last the attention of the Council was directed to the stench said to be emanating from some of the drains in the Settlement owing to the long continuance of dry weather, and the Surveyor was instructed to arrange with the Waterworks Co. for having them flushed, employing for this purpose the surplus supply of water not required for watering roads, and this has been done.

On examination all the drains were found to be in good working order, with a deposit of only four to six inches in them, which is practically nothing in a large drain, all the main and most of the subsidiary drains being flushed by the river-water at high tides.

TEA-HOUSES IN FOOCHOW ROAD.

The Senior Consul having informed the Council about the beginning of the year that the Native authorities had written to him complaining of the disorderly proceedings at some of the establishments in the Foochow road, the following notice was sent to the proprietors of them :

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

The Municipal Council having been informed by the Senior Consul that the Taotal has represented to him that disreputable women are in the habit of visiting the Tea-Houses in Foochow road for the purpose of singing obscene and indecent songs, notice is hereby given to the proprietors of these establishments, that the singing of obscene songs is strictly prohibited under the licences granted to them, and the Police have been instructed to arrest any persons offending against this regulation, and to take them before the Mixed Court.

IMMORAL PLAYS, BOOKS, ETC.

In compliance with the requests contained in the annexed letters, the Proclamations referred to were handed to the police to be posted in the Settlements.

H.M. Consulate General,
Shanghai, 28th February 1887.

SIR,—I have the honour to send herewith five copies of a Proclamation issued by the Mixed Court Magistrate and stamped by me at his request, which the Magistrate begs may be posted at the five principal Chinese theatres in the Settlement. The object of the Proclamation is to prohibit the performance of

immoral and indecent plays, and I further venture to request that the Council will be good enough to give instructions to have the Magistrate's orders strictly enforced.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,

*H.B.M.'s Consul-General
and Senior Consul.*

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

H.B.M.'s Consulate-General.

Shanghai, 4th October 1887.

SIR,—The Mixed Court Magistrate has handed me the enclosed four copies of a Proclamation prohibiting the publication of immoral books, and, at his instance, I have the honour to request that you will give orders to have the Proclamation duly posted within the Settlement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,

Consul-General.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

MARKET BRANCH.

The Inspector reports that during the past year he has visited the markets and butcher shops daily and has always found them well supplied with good and wholesome articles of food. He has also visited the slaughter-houses daily and inspected the cattle kept at them; the grease-shops have been inspected twice daily, and a record kept of all the

animals brought to them. All the meat rejected as unfit for the foreign market, and the flesh of all animals brought to them dead, or slaughtered at these establishments, go into native consumption.

The number of animals slaughtered during the year to supply the foreign markets has been—

Oxen ...	...	6,689, against 7,034 last year.		
Sheep ...	...	13,072	13,547	„
Calves ...	...	1,459	4,571	„
Pigs ...	...	276	401	„
		21,496	22,553	„

and at the grease-shops for native use—

Oxen ...	...	982 against 1,147 last year.		
Water-buffaloes.	1,204	„	1,713	„
Sheep ...	...	84	51	„
Ponies...	...	117	81	„
		2,387	2,992	„

showing a total decrease of about 1,700 head, which most probably is owing to there having been fewer men-of-war in port during the year than is usually the case.

Only two carcasses have been rejected at the slaughter-houses as unfit for food, and this was simply because the meat was thin and poor, and not on account of its being diseased.

In September last the Inspector reported that the fillets of beef brought to the market for sale are almost exclusively supplied from the grease-shops, not one being ever taken from an ox slaughtered for foreign consumption, as the market value of the sirloin would be much decreased if what is known as the fillet should be removed from it. Good fillets can of course sometimes be obtained at the grease-shops, but as all diseased oxen and buffaloes for miles round Shanghai are slaughtered at these places, customers are more likely to be supplied with fillets from diseased animals than from healthy ones should there be a great demand for them.

In order to escape detection or seizure the butchers have established a system of sending fillets, when ordered direct from the grease-shops to their customers, thus rendering inspection almost impossible, so it is necessary that the public should take every precaution to prevent the chance of their being supplied with fillets from diseased animals.

A mild form of disease broke out amongst the cattle in the district beyond Sungkiang, in May last, and several sick and dead animals were brought from it to the grease-shops in Pah Sien Jaoh.

During February there was a good deal of sickness amongst the pigs kept outside the Settlement, which carried off a large percentage of the young stock, but it was found to be non-contagious, and seems to have been caused by the cold, wet weather, and the filthy condition of the places where most of the pigs are kept.

In consequence of the Native authorities having in October last imposed a lekin tax upon all cattle brought to Pah Sien Jaoh for sale, the butchers decided to increase their selling price for beef, etc., by one cent per pound.

The following correspondence gives details regarding this new tax.

Lekin on Cattle.

Shanghai, 20th October 1887.

SIR,—We the undersigned butchers carrying on business in Smith's market and in Hongkew, paying our taxes, and peaceably trying to make a livelihood, in the exercise of our calling, beg to call your attention to the enclosed copy of a notice posted up at Pah Sien Jaoh demanding paying of Tael cents fifty-six for every head of Oxen slaughtered there (but there are other charges in connection with the impost bringing the total from One dollar to One dollar and thirty cents.)

We beg to point out that such an impost is calculated to work equal hardship on foreigners as to ourselves, by necessitating an extra charge of at least one cent per lb. on beef. And if the demanded payment be submitted to by us unopposed there is little doubt that the impost will be extended to Sheep, etc.

Further, we cannot think that the notice in question is within the knowledge, or has the sanction, of the Consular Body, the Municipal Council, or of H. Ex. the Taotai. We therefore humbly beg that the Council will make enquiry into

the matter, when if it be found that the notice emanates from the Chinese authorities, that they, the Council, will be pleased to exercise their powerful influence to have the impost removed. And if it be found that the notice in question is an improper one made by wicked persons for the purposes of squeezing and intimidation, then that the Council will cause the offenders to be severely punished.

During the past year (from the scarcity and consequent high price of cattle, and from various other causes) we have suffered very serious loss and are not in a position to bear the demanded increased burden. We therefore earnestly petition the Council to take such steps as they may deem right and best to bring about the relief we seek, and your petitioners will ever remain

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

(Signed by 14 butchers.)

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 25th October 1887.

SIR,—I have the honor to hand you the accompanying copy of a letter addressed to the Council by several of the Butchers carrying on business in this Settlement and Hongkew, and I shall be obliged if you will ascertain for the information of the Council whether the Lekin tax which it is proposed in future to levy on cattle brought to Pah Sien Jaoh has been sanctioned by the Taotai or any other competent official.

As it is proposed to collect this tax outside the limits of the Settlement the Council cannot interfere directly in the matter, but as it will naturally cause an advance in the price of butcher's meat I have thought it right to bring the subject to your notice.

Inclosed is a copy of the proclamation which has been posted at Pah Sien Jaoh.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M. Consul-General and
Senior Consul

H.B.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 16th November 1887.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 26th ultimo, upon the subject of a tax upon cattle, I have the honour to enclose the translation of a report forwarded to the Taotai by the *Lekin* Office concerned, copy of which has been transmitted to me for your information.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
Consul-General and Senior Consul.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council,
Shanghai.

We have received your Honour's instructions of the 31st October relative to the observations of the Municipal Council regarding the tax on cattle, sent through the British Consul-General.

As young cattle have been unusually plentiful around Shanghai, most of which are transported to other places for fattening with a view to profit, having no bearing upon agricultural work, the *Lekin* office directed the cattle dealers Chên Sên-ch'un and others to submit their remarks on a tariff which was then duly approved by this office, namely 5.6 mace on each young beast, and 4.2 mace on each calf. This was approved by the Head *Lekin* office on trial, as reported to the Taotai's office.

Later on, the cattle dealers came to represent that such cattle, though meant for fattening, were not all of equal condition, and sold for different prices, so that the tax was somewhat unequal. On this the office arranged the following compromises. Setting aside the ordinary young cattle and calves, which would pay as before, any really very lean ones would pay a reduced tax of half, *i.e.* 2.8 mace for young cattle, and 2.1 mace for calves, by way of showing due consideration. Proclamations have been issued in each case as is on record.

It is to be observed, however, that this office always taxes according to the treasury scale, which is one per cent heavier than the Shanghai scale, so that fat cattle only pay 5.6 mace each, or something over 80 dollar cents each, and lean calves only 2.1 mace, or something over 20 (*sic*) dollar cents. There is no such tax as that alleged of \$1.30; and, as clear proclamations have been issued, it is thought that every one will have already known this to be so. The tax is low, and the dealers are very ready to pay it: it has no effect upon trade as between the ordinary people, and it is suited to the state of the commerce.

The office, in submitting this reply, begs that your Honour will answer the Consul-General accordingly.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

FOR

1887.

The deaths of one hundred and thirty-two foreigners have been registered in Shanghai during the year 1887. A detailed statement of these will be found on page 71 of this report. At page 72 the deaths which took place among the actual residents are given separately (*). The deaths of twenty-six children have been registered during the year, and these will be found tabulated at page 72.

Age was ascertained in one hundred and twenty-two cases:—

						DEATHS.	
						Adult Residents.	
One year and under	...	...	...	...	11		
Over one year and under ten years	...	...	...	...	9		
10 years and under 20 years	...	...	...	...	5		
20 "	"	30 "	...	...	15		
30 "	"	40 "	...	...	7		
40 "	"	50 "	...	...	11		
50 "	"	60 "	...	...	3		
60 "	"	70 "	...	...	1		
70 "	"	80 "	...	...	0		
						62	60

Amongst adults the deaths of 64 men and 22 women were registered; while of infants and young children who died during the year, 8 were males and 13 females (†). Nationality was registered in 120 cases, the distribution being as follows:—British 58, American 14, Portuguese 9, German 8, Manilamen 7, French 6, Norwegian 3, Swedish 3, Danish 3, Spanish 2, Dutch 1, Malay 1, Armenian 1, Chinese 1, Eurasian 1.

(*) Six months spent continuously in Shanghai are taken to constitute residence in this as in former reports. In making up these returns the separation of Residents from Non-Residents is always attended with some difficulty, and the results are, I believe, seldom absolutely correct.

(†) The sex was not stated in five cases.

For the sake of comparison with past years, the table of death-rates given in former reports is here extended. Up to the end of 1882, the entire foreign population, resident and non-resident, is estimated at 3,600 (*). In 1885 a fresh census was taken for the Settlements North of the Yang-king-pang, and the death-rates for 1883-4-5-6-7 are based on that return, the entire foreign population being estimated at 5,100 (†).

1870 deaths registered 103—death-rate 28.6 per 1,000

1871	"	99	"	27.5	"
1872	"	101	"	28.0	"
1873	"	90	"	25.0	"
1874	"	83	"	23.0	"
1875	"	67	"	18.6	"
1876	"	69	"	19.2	"
1877	"	85	"	23.6	"
1878	"	94	"	26.1	"
1879	"	81	"	22.5	"
1880	"	78	"	21.6	"
1881	"	111	"	30.8	"
1882	"	96	"	26.7	"

1883	"	128	"	25.0	"
1884	"	86	"	16.9	"
1885	"	103	"	20.2	"
1886	"	120	"	23.5	"
1887	"	132	"	25.9	"

(*) The census taken in 1885 gave 1,775 men, 1,011 women and 887 children this, however, was limited to the Settlements North of the Yang-king-pang, and did not include the shipping. The last census of the shipping was taken in 1870, and gave the number 1,101; the population on the French Concession was estimated at the same time at 316. These figures give a total of 3,614.

(†) The census of 1885 for the Settlements North of the Yang-king-pang gave 1,775 men, 1,011 women, and 887 children; these figures added to the shipping and French Concession returns of 1870, give a total of 5,090.

Forty-five deaths were registered during the first half of the year, and eighty-seven during the last half. The largest number registered in one month was 29, in September; the least, 6, in February and May. The deaths of sixty-four adult residents were registered.

SPECIAL DISEASES OF THE YEAR.

Cholera.—Eighteen deaths during the past year are certified as due to *Cholera*, of which nine belong to the resident population. The dates, duration, etc., of these are given in the table appended (Table A):—

(A)

No.	Date.	Sex.	Age.	Occupation.	Duration.
1	Aug. 25th	M	33	Engineer C. M. Co.	—
2	" 26th	M	57	I.M. Customs' service	—
3	" 28th	F	23	—	18 hours.
4	Sept. 5th	M	17	Seaman	—
5	" 7th	F	9	—	1 day.
6	" 8th	M	44	I.M. Customs' service	12 hours.
7	" 12th	M	26	Seaman	16 "
8	" 14th	M	22	"	18 "
9	" 16th	F	9	—	—
10	" 17th	M	32	Seaman	30 hours.
11	" 18th	M	27	"	—
12	" 19th	M	43	Engineer	6 days.
13	" "	F	29	—	12 hours.
14	" 22nd	M	29	Seaman	4 days.
15	" "	M	—	Seaman S.S. Ghazee	20 hours.
16	" 23rd	F	25	—	4 days.
17	Oct. 2nd	M	36	Police constable	40 hours.
18	" 15th	M	34	Stoker	3 days.

Twenty-seven cases of *Cholera* were treated in the Cholera wards of the General Hospital during the months of August, September and October, viz.:—August 7 cases, September 14 cases, October 6 cases; of these 17 were fatal.

The following table gives the deaths registered in the foreign community from cholera during the past thirteen years:—

Year.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Total.
1875	...	...	...	...	...	5	4	9
76	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
77	...	...	1	2	9	3	1	16
78	...	...	...	3	8	3	2	16
79	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2
80	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
81	...	...	...	...	7	6	...	13
82	...	...	...	3	8	4	...	15
83	1	1	10	5	5	1	...	23
84	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
85	...	...	...	4	9	12	...	25
86	1	...	...	2	11	6	3	23
87	...	...	...	3	13	2	...	18
Total.	2	2	11	23	73	42	12	165

The native death returns for the Settlements North of the Yang-king-pang, obtained through the Te-pows of the various districts into which the Settlement has been divided for purposes of police control and sanitation, are given on the last page of this report; they shew a total of 375 deaths from *Cholera* (Fa-sha) during the year. Reviewing the health history of Shanghai during the past five years, that is, since the systematic registration of deaths among the Chinese was first begun, it is evident that the occurrence of sporadic cases of *Cholera* in the foreign population is always coincident with a more or less diffused prevalence of the same disease among the natives. The first cases, I believe, occur always among the Chinese. Since, however, we derive our information regarding the health of the Chinese almost entirely from native sources,

we are never able to determine with any certainty the exact degree of prevalence of any one form of disease. It was in consequence of this uncertainty, and on account of the small number and scattered distribution of the cases of true *Cholera* which occurred among foreigners, that I refused last year to declare *Cholera* epidemic at the Port.

Fifty-two of cases of *Cholera* were treated in the Shantung Road Hospital for Chinese during the year, viz., 3 in June, 6 in July, 22 in August, 13 in September, 1 in October and 1 in November; among these there were 14 deaths. The Shantung Road Hospital is under foreign medical supervision, and many of these cases came under my own immediate observation. The general management of these yearly recurring visitations of *Cholera*, with the special precautions to be observed by each individual for himself during the period of the outbreak, have already been fully dealt with in the pages of these reports, and do not now need repetition.

Small-Pox.—Seventeen cases of Small-pox were treated in the General Hospital during the year, with three deaths. The native death returns (see page 73) shew a total of 76 deaths from this cause in the Settlements North of the Yang-king-pang, and these figures are probably nearly correct, Small-pox being a disease easily distinguished, and, moreover, well known to the Chinese. It is right that foreigners who come to China should clearly understand that in doing so, they, for the most part, run a distinctly increased risk of contracting Small-pox, and that re-vaccination should be a first care in every case in which it has not already been successfully done. The Chinese, in spite of all the efforts made to introduce vaccination among them, still practise the inoculation of Small-pox among their children, choosing the winter months as the most favourable time of the year for the purpose. In this way, if in no other, the regular recurrence of the disease is made a matter of certainty in China. By far the greater number of adult natives are protected against Small-pox by a previous attack, artificially or naturally contracted during childhood; in dealing with the adult native population the protection afforded by vaccination cannot as yet be taken very largely into account. Protected themselves, and possessing no very definite ideas regarding contagion, the native servants employed by foreigners, if

brought into contact with cases of Small-pox in their own houses, can never be trusted to take efficient precautions against introducing the poison into the houses of their masters. During such times of epidemic prevalence among the Chinese as occurred in the end of 1869 and beginning of 1870, quite a number of natives, chiefly children, were to be seen in the streets of the foreign Settlements, their faces still covered with the dried crusts of recent Small-pox eruptions; a sufficient proof, one would say, of carelessness as to contagion on the part of the Chinese. It is admitted that in many, perhaps in the greater number of cases, a successful vaccination done in infancy is a life-long protection to the individual against Small-pox; in not a few instances however, it would seem that this protection becomes exhausted as time goes on, and the individual becomes once again liable to contract the disease. Partly on this account, and partly because of the large number of imperfectly vaccinated individuals, the re-vaccination of adults has come now to be recognised as a distinct duty wherever scientific medicine is practised; its efficiency, as proved by the comparative immunity of large numbers submitted to the test, has been clearly demonstrated. Adult re-vaccination once satisfactorily performed does not appear to need repetition. Amongst adults submitted to re-vaccination it always happens that in a certain number of cases the operation fails, to use the common expression, the lymph used, or the individual vaccinated, "does not take;" this must not however be too hastily assumed. Vaccine lymph, however carefully collected and stored, often loses its activity, and the circumstances under which it does this are still imperfectly understood. From what I have myself seen I conclude that it spoils much more easily in Shanghai than, for example, in London or in Edinburgh; lymph exposed to the heat of a Shanghai summer is seldom of any value. Re-vaccinations should always, if possible, be done directly from the arm of an infant; if the re-vaccination be done from "points" or "tubes" in Shanghai, special care must be taken to ascertain that the lymph has lost nothing of its power; this can, of course, only be proved by at least one successful case following its employment.

Regarding the certified causes of death tabulated on pages 71 and 72, I note the following :—

Of the three deaths from Malarial Fever in September, one is returned as "Pernicious Malarial Fever," one as "Fièvre Paludéenne," and one as "Remittent Fever." Of the nine deaths from Dysentery, four are returned as "Acute," one as "Acute Malarial," one as "Chronic," and one as complicated by "Perforative Peritonitis." Of the two deaths from Cancer, one is registered as "Internal Cancer," and one as "Cancer of the Stomach." Under Heart Disease are classified four cases of "Valvular Disease," one case of "Fatty Degeneration," one case of "Disease of the Heart, Aortic," and three cases of "Heart Disease" simply. The death from Aneurism was due to "Hæmorrhage." In one of the cases of Heat Apoplexy, "Chronic Alcoholism" is given as a predisposing cause. One of the cases of Abscess of the Liver, is returned as "Multiple" and complicated by "Cirrhosis." Of the deaths from Alcoholism, three are returned as "Chronic," one as "Acute," one as accompanied by "Diarrhœa," and one as complicated by "Bright's Disease." The death from Falling is returned as a "Fall from aloft." In the death from Fracture of the Leg, the fracture is stated to be "Comminuted" with "Shock and Gangrene" as secondary causes of death.

EDWARD HENDERSON,

Health Officer.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN SHANGHAI DURING 1887.

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
Small-pox	2		1	1	1	1					1		7
Enteric fever	1	1	1	1			1		1		1	1	8
Typhus Fever					1								1
Malarial Fever									3				3
Pernicious Fever	1	1					1						3
Continued Fever					1								1
Whooping Cough			1										1
Puerperal septicæmia											1		1
Stomatitis, diphtheritic											1		1
Cholera								3	13	2			18
Cholera, infantile	1							1					2
Dysentery	1							1	5	2			9
Diarrhœa						1		1	1	1			4
Cancer							1			1			2
Phthisis		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1			8
Bronchitis										1			1
Collapse of Lung											1		1
Heart disease	1					1	3		1		1	1	8
Aneurism												1	1
Cerebral hæmorrhage	1		1	1			1		1			1	6
Spinal Cord, disease of							1	1					2
Spinal Meningitis									1				1
General paralysis										1	2		3
Heat apoplexy							2						2
Cirrhosis of liver	1		1								1	1	4
Abscess of liver					1				1				2
Hæmatemesis				1									1
Peritonitis								1					1
Bright's disease		1	1			2			1			1	6
Alcoholism			1				2	2			1		6
Injury from Scalding	1												1
Injury from Falling		1											1
Injury by Machinery						1							1
Fracture of Skull				1									1
Fracture of Leg							1						1
Premature birth						1							1
Still-born	1	1	1				2				1		6
Drowned	1				2		1			1			5
Uncertified							1						1
Total	12	6	7	7	6	7	20	11	29	10	8	9	132

SHANGHAI DEATH RETURNS, 1887.

ADULT RESIDENTS.

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Small-pox	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Enteric Fever	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Malarial Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Pernicious Fever	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Continued Fever	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Puerperal septicæmia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Cholera	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	1	...	...	9
Dysentery	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	1	...	...	6
Diarrhœa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	2
Cancer	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2
Phthisis	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3
Heart disease	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	1	...	1	1	7
Aneurism	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Cerebral hæmorrhage	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	4
Spinal meningitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
General paralysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	3
Heat apoplexy	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cirrhosis of liver	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3
Abscess of liver	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
Bright's disease	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	5
Alcoholism	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	1	...	6
Injury by machinery	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total	8	3	4	0	2	4	8	8	12	5	5	5	64

INFANTS AND CHILDREN.

Date.	Age.	Cause of Death.
January ...	3 weeks	Cholera, infantile.
"	6 years	Injury from Scalding.
"	"	Still-born.
February ...	6 months	Pernicious Fever.
"	"	Still-born.
March	18 months	Whooping cough.
"	"	Still-born.
April	30 hours	Hæmatemesis.
"	6 years	Small-pox.
May	3 months	Do.
June	4 years	Do.
July	6 hours	Premature birth.
"	"	Still-born.
"	"	Do.
August ...	10 months	Cholera, infantile.
September ..	"	Enteric Fever.
"	5 months	Malarial Fever.
"	9	Do.
"	9 years	Cholera.
"	1	Dysentery.
"	4	Do.
"	1 year and 5 months ...	Diarrhœa.
October	8 months	Bronchitis.
November ..	24 hours	Collapse of lung.
"	"	Still-born.
December ...	27 days	Stomatitis, diphtheritic.

NATIVE DEATH RETURNS FOR THE YEAR 1887.

SETTLEMENTS NORTH OF THE YANG-KING-PANG.

MONTH.	DEATHS FROM CHOLERA.			DEATHS FROM SMALL-POX.			TOTAL DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES.
	British Settlement.	Hongkew Settlement.	Total.	British Settlement.	Hongkew Settlement.	Total.	
January	...	...	...	12	6	18	143
February	...	1	1	3	7	10	141
March	...	4	4	6	5	11	171
April	...	1	1	2	12	14	145
May	...	3	3	1	8	9	138
June	...	4	4	2	7	9	143
July	1	5	6	...	2	2	165
August	92	102	194	...	1	1	376
September	61	101	162	...	...	...	461
October	...	...	...	...	...	...	222
November	...	...	...	...	...	...	143
December	...	...	...	...	2	2	132
TOTALS	154	221	375	26	50	76	2,380

FINANCE MATTERS.

LOANS OF 1878 AND 1882.

The loan of 1878 for Tls. 24,000 was paid off on the 30th June, and provision has been made in the Budget for paying off Tls. 40,000 of the loan of 1882 for Tls. 60,000.

DUES ON MERCHANDIZE.

The Council for 1886, when making up the Budget for this year, estimated the amount to be received for "Dues on Goods" at Tls. 46,500, being the same as they produced in 1886, but as the receipts for the first 10 months of this year showed a deficiency of about Tls. 2,300 compared with the same period last year, it was not expected when making up the Financial Statement that the total for the year would exceed Tls. 44,700

The dues for November, however, have proved to be considerably in excess of those for the same month last year, so it is probable that the actual receipts for the 12 months will be about Tls. 45,500, or only Tls. 1,000 under estimate.

The amount collected for Dues on Imports is the same as last year, the falling-off being confined to dues on Exports and Re-exports.

SINKING FUND.

From the annexed account at page 268 the balance at the credit of the Sinking Fund on the 31st December was ...	...Tls. 18,942.79
and the Council now recommend that a further sum should be paid into it next year of	20,500.00
to which add for interest	557.21
making a total of	Tls. 40,000.00

and this amount they propose should be withdrawn on the 30th June next, and appropriated to paying off a portion of the large loan of Tls. 60,000 for which debentures were issued in 1882.

ACCOUNTS.

The Financial Statement appended shows the Receipts for the year to have been ...	...	...	...	Tls. 402,943.50
while the Disbursements come to ...	...	...	...	Tls. 394,321.31
leaving a surplus of ...	...	...	...	...
				<u>...</u>
				Tls. 8,622.19

The Budget submitted at the annual meeting of Ratepayers estimated the Revenue at ...

The Receipts aggregate, including an unappropriated balance of Tls. 449.17 ...

Showing an excess on the estimate of ...

The Expenditure recommended was ...

and has amounted to (including Tls. 1,000 voted to Providence Orphanage, at the Ratepayer's meeting) ...

or an excess of ...

Accounting for the surplus of ...

The Budget prepared by the outgoing Council for 1886 estimated the Income for this year at						Tls. 388,436.17
and the Expenditure						„ 387,987.00
leaving an unappropriated balance of						„ 449.17
but at the Annual Meeting the present Council were instructed to include in the expenditure a donation to the Providence Orphanage of						„ 1,000.00
leaving an estimated deficit of						„ 550.83
whilst the statement of accounts on the other side shows that there was a surplus of						„ 8,622.19
making the total gain for the year						„ 9,173.02

The Income for the year has proved to be fully Tls. 14,500 over the Budget estimates, of which, however, Tls. 4,000 are due to the receipts on account of interest and for the sale of drain-pipes, which have been considerably larger than was anticipated.

The Foreign House Tax has only brought in about Tls. 700 over the estimate, but the Tax on Native Houses shows a gain of Tls. 5,300, and this source of income is likely to go on increasing for some time, as building in the Hongkew Settlement is rapidly extending.

The receipts from License Fees are about Tls. 6,200 over the estimate, in which are included excess on—

Jin-rik-shas	Tls. 1,800
Carriages	„ 1,400
Opium-Shops	„ 1,500
Sundry	„ 1,500
	—————Tls. 6,200

Dues on Merchandize have produced about Tls. 1,800 less than the estimate, which may be attributed to the falling-off in the shipments of Silk and Tea, the amount received for Dues on Imports having been much the same as last year.

The net Expenditure has been about Tls. 5,300 in excess of the Budget appropriations, in which are included the amounts expended on the Cemetery road, and for reconstructing the portion of the stone bunding of the Yang-king-pang which recently gave way between the Szechuen road and the river,

The amounts expended in excess of the appropriations, or for which no provision was made in the budget, are—

Outside Roads	...	...	...	Tls. 4,200
Widening, etc.	...	...	...	" 3,700
Bundings	...	...	...	" 2,200
Stock and Stores	...	...	...	" 2,700
				Tls. 12,800

Deduct appropriations made but not expended :—

Police	...	...	...	Tls. 2,000
Buildings	...	...	...	" 1,000
Defence Creek	...	...	...	" 2,000
Drainage	...	...	...	" 2,500
				Tls. 7,500
Net Excess	...	...	...	Tls. 5,300

NEW POLICE STATION.

At the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers the following Resolution was proposed by Mr. G. J. MORRISON, seconded by Mr. P. MACLEAN, and passed unanimously :

" That this Meeting authorizes the Council to purchase any property that may seem to them suitable as a site for a Police Station in place of the present station in the Louza District, and to raise a sum not exceeding Tls. 30,000 (Taels Thirty Thousand) for the purchase of the land and the erection of the building, by the issue of Debentures redeemable in not less than five, and not more than twenty years, and bearing interest at the rate of not over seven per cent. per annum."

In pursuance of this Resolution the Council advertised in March last, inviting tenders of land suitable as a site for a Police Station, between the Nanking road and the Soochow Creek.

Seven tenders were received, but only three of the lots offered were considered at all suitable, and after full consideration it was finally decided to accept the following offer from the Trustees of the Shanghai Racquet Court, to sell a portion of their lot at the rate of Tls. 1,750 per mow.

Shanghai, 30th May 1887.

SIR,—I am instructed by the Committee of the Racquet Club to offer to sell to the Council the portion of their land, at the back of the Court (provided the property is not disposed of before the time mentioned in your advertisement); it measures about 7 mow 2 fun 1 lu 2 haou, and the price required is one thousand seven hundred and fifty taels per mow (Tls. 1,750). They are willing to sell the portion to the East of the Court measuring about 0m. 8f. 4l. 8h. for two thousand five hundred taels per mow (Tls. 2,500), and to give a right of way over the road on the West side of the Court to the purchaser of the back lot.

I enclose a rough tracing shewing the position of the property.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. CORY.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 20th July 1887.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th May, which has been submitted to the Council, and in reply I am directed to inform you that they accept the offer of the Committee of the Racquet Court to sell them the portion of their land at the back of the Court, measuring about 7m. 2f. 1l. 2h. at the rate of Tls. 1,750 (one thousand seven hundred and fifty taels) per mow, with the right of way over the road to the West of the Racquet Court.

The strip offered on the East side of the Court they do not care about acquiring, but they would be glad to purchase the strip on the West side at the same rate per mow as they are to pay for the whole lot.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

J. M. CORY, Esq.,
Shanghai.

Shanghai, 21st July 1887.

SIR,—I have received your letter No. 87/281, dated 20th July 1887, informing me that the Council accept the offer of the Racquet Club to sell the portion of their property at the back of the Court at the rate of Tls. 1,750 per mow, and I am instructed to inform you that the Committee accept the offer of the Council to purchase the strip on the West side of the Court at the same rate per mow as they agree to pay for the remainder.

I enclose the account for rate on the land and shall feel obliged if you will adjust it.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. M. CORY.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

The land was transferred to the Council on the 20th October on the payment of the purchase-money, viz., Tls. 13,485, which amount has in the meantime been advanced out of the income for this year, and will be repaid when the debentures for Tls. 30,000 are issued in the course of next year.

In October last the Watch Committee, at the request of the Council, took into consideration the amount of accommodation which would have to be provided at the New Station, and after consultation with the Captain-Superintendent of Police they reported that quarters would be required for the following:—

Foreigners:—4 Inspectors, 4 Sergeants, 12 Constables;

Indian Constables:—30;

Native Constables:—Partial accommodation for 80.

with cells for 30 prisoners, charge-room, and the usual kitchens and out-door offices.

Plans for the New Station are now being prepared in the Surveyor's Office, and when they are completed tenders will be invited for the construction of the building.

ORPHANAGE, FRENCH CONCESSION.

In accordance with the following Resolution, which was proposed by Mr. C. THORNE at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, seconded by Mr. R. W. LITTLE, and carried, the sum of Tls. 1,000 was provided in the Budget as a donation to the French Refuge for orphans and destitute children.

"That the sum of One Thousand Taels Shanghai Sycee be inscribed in the Budget for the year 1887 as a donation in aid of the funds of the French Refuge for orphan, destitute and friendless girls of Foreign or Mixed parentage."

TOWN BAND INSTRUMENTS.

In accordance with the following Resolution, which was proposed by Mr. F. H. BELL, seconded by Mr. F. D. BUSH, and passed unanimously at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, the sum of Tls. 1,000 was paid to the Recreation Fund Trustees in full of all claims against the Council for the musical instruments, music, etc., lent by them to the Town Band in 1879.

"That the Council be authorized to pay to the Recreation Fund Trustees the sum of Tls. 1,000 as compensation for the amounts expended by them in the formation of the Public Band and in fulfilment of the understanding come to in 1881, that in event of the Band being successfully launched, a fair amount would be granted to the Recreation Fund for the instruments, furniture, uniforms, and music made over by them to the Municipality."

SUMMARY OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.—FOREIGN.

December Quarter, 1886.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.—NATIVE.

December Quarter, 1886.

	No. of Houses 1885.	Rental Assessment 1885.	No. of Houses 1886.	Rental Assessment 1886.	Increase Houses.	Increase.
		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Foreign Settlement }	420	416,326	423	418,614	3	2,288
Hongkew Settlement }	358	138,550	364	162,710	6	24,160
Total...	778	554,876	787	581,324	9	26,448
Occupied by } Foreigners }	691	...	714	...	...	...
Occupied by } Natives }	31	...	42	...	...	...
Unoccupied ...	56	...	31	...	...	...
Total Assessments. }	...	554,876	...	581,324	...	...
Tax Collected..	...	10,149	...	10,649	...	500

	No. of Houses 1885.	Rental Assessment 1885.	No. of Houses 1886.	Rental Assessment 1886.	Increase Houses.	Decrease
		\$		\$		\$
Foreign Settlement }	13,649	1,062,507	13,753	1,063,627	104	1,120*
Hongkew Settlement }	7,928	305,699	8,090	282,967	162	22,732
Total...	21,577	1,368,206	21,843	1,346,594	266	21,612
Occupied by } Foreigners }	568	...	557	...	...	11
Occupied by } Natives }	17,945	...	19,337	...	1392	...
Unoccupied ...	3,064	...	1,949	...	...	1,115
Total Assessments. }	...	1,368,206	...	1,346,594	...	...
Tax Collected.. @ 10 ⁰ /o	...	28,933	...	30,207	1274	...

* Increase.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.—FOREIGN. March Quarter, 1887.							GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.—NATIVE. March Quarter, 1887.						
	No. of Houses 1886.	Rental Assessment 1886.	No. of Houses 1887.	Rental Assessment 1887.	Increase Houses.	Decrease		No. of Houses 1886.	Rental Assessment 1886.	No. of Houses 1887.	Rental Assessment 1887.	Increase Houses.	Increase.
		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.			\$		\$		\$
Foreign Settlement } Hongkew Settlement }	421 364	418,252 162,580	427 364	413,956 166,059	6 ...	4,296 3,479*	Foreign Settlement } Hongkew Settlement }	13,789 7,992	1,063,334 279,669	13,817 8,113	1,067,149 286,043	28 111	3,815 6,374
Total...	785	580,832	791	580,015	6	817	Total...	21,781	1,343,003	21,920	1,353,192	139	10,189
Occupied by } Foreigners }	675	...	697	...	...	...	Occupied by } Foreigners }	536	...	538	...	2	...
Occupied by } Natives }	39	...	53	...	...	...	Occupied by } Natives }	18,019	...	19,254	...	1235	...
Unoccupied....	71	...	41	...	...	...	Unoccupied ...	3,226	...	2,128	...	...	*1,098
Total Assessments. }	...	580,832	...	580,015	...	817	Total Assessments. }	...	1,343,003	...	1,353,192	...	...
Tax Collected. @ 8 %.	10,433	...	10,618	...	...	185*	Tax Collected. @ 10 %.	28,585	...	30,388	1893	...	...

* Increase.

* Decrease.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.—FOREIGN.
June Quarter, 1887.

	No. of Houses 1886.	Rental Assessment 1886.	No. of Houses 1887.	Rental Assessment 1887.	Increase Houses.	Decrease.
		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Foreign Settlement } Hongkew Settlement }	422 363	419,747 163,114	424 363	408,156 164,979	2 ...	11,591 *1,865
Total...	785	582,861	787	573,135	1	9,726
Occupied by } Foreigners }	693	...	700	...	...	...
Occupied by } Natives }	40	...	44	...	...	...
Unoccupied ...	52	...	43	...	...	...
Total Assessments. }	...	582,861	...	573,135	...	...
Tax Collected. @ 8 %	10,569	...	10,709	...	140*	

* Increase.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.—NATIVE.
June Quarter, 1887.

	No. of Houses 1886.	Rental Assessment 1886.	No. of Houses 1887.	Rental Assessment 1887.	Increase Houses.	Increase.
		\$		\$		\$
Foreign Settlement } Hongkew Settlement }	13,716 8,039	1,065,352 278,915	13,778 8,234	1,068,641 293,165	62 195	3,289 14,250
Total...	21,755	1,344,267	22,012	1,361,806	257	17,539
Occupied by } Foreigners }	541	...	523	...	*18	...
Occupied by } Natives }	18,425	...	19,811	...	...	1,386
Unoccupied....	2,789	...	1,678	...	*1111	...
Total Assessments. }	...	1,344,267	...	1,361,806	...	...
Tax Collected. @ 10 %	29,044	...	30,861	...	1,817	

* Decrease.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.—FOREIGN.

September Quarter, 1887.

	No. of Houses 1886.	Rental Assessment 1886.	No. of Houses 1887.	Rental Assessment 1887.	Increase Houses.	Decrease
		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Foreign Settlement {	422	419,458	422	409,266	...	10,192
Hongkew Settlement {	364	162,580	365	165,030	1	2,450*
Total...	786	582,038	787	574,296	1	7,742
Occupied by Foreigners {	715	...	715	...	...	...
Occupied by Natives {	39	...	47	...	...	...
Unoccupied ...	32	...	25	...	...	...
Total Assessments. }	...	582,038	...	574,296	...	7,742
Tax Collected. @ 10°/o	10,716	...	10,699	...	...	17

* Increase.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.—NATIVE.

September Quarter, 1887.

	No. of Houses 1886.	Rental Assessment 1886.	No. of Houses 1887.	Rental Assessment 1887.	Increase Houses.	Increase.
		\$		\$		\$
Foreign Settlement {	13,767	1,064,276	13,746	1,067,572	*21	3,296
Hongkew Settlement {	8,061	280,675	8,415	299,454	354	18,779
Total...	21,828	1,344,951	22,161	1,367,026	333	22,075
Occupied by Foreigners {	558	...	546	...	*12	...
Occupied by Natives {	19,055	...	20,180	...	1,125	...
Unoccupied ...	2,215	...	1,435	...	*780	...
Total Assessments. }	...	1,344,951	...	1,367,026	...	...
Tax Collected. @ 10°/o	29,840	...	31,722	...	...	1,882

* Decrease.

*Houses upon which the Assessments have been reduced during the year 1887,
under Resolution passed at Ratepayers' Meeting, 6th March 1877.*

Name of Road.	Name of Occupant.	Assessment.	Reduced to	Remarks.
		Tls.	Tls.	
5 Yangtze	Pustau & Co.	3,000	2,500	
29 Szechuen	J. M. Young	420	360	
32 "	M. T. Valdez	840	720	
10 Kiangse	Mah-ka-le House ...	1,400	1,220	
36 "	A. E. J. Abraham ...	1,500	900	
38, 39, 41 "	T. Weeks & Co. ...	1,080	960	
3 Thibet	G. Henderson	300	240	
4 "	E. H. Goore-Booth ...	300	216	
35 Foochow	G. D. Poli	300	240	
9A Hankow	Aug. Ehlers	2,000	1,600	
17 "	O. Steglich	225	180	
12 Nanking	Mrs. G. Clark	1,500	1,200	
14 "	Hall & Holtz Co-op.Co.	3,300	3,000	
15 "	B. Franzini	1,620	1,320	
16 "	"	4,000		pulled down.
2 Ningpo	P. Mignard	540	450	
3 "	T. Weeks & Co....	540	420	
6 "	"	420	360	
1 Soochow	Rev. L. H. Gulick ...	480	420	
2 North Soochow..	J. Machado	116	105	
4 Whangpoo	W. Allanson	720	600	
5 "	W. Carlson	660	600	
	W. Saunders			
17 "	W. D. Spence	510	480	
36 Broadway... ..	J. Ferrier	420	360	
57 "	L. L. Bush	480	420	
7 Seward	J. M. Botelho	300	276	
12 Chapoo	T. B. Golding	144	135	
6 Chaoufoong ...	W. Collins	360	300	

*Houses upon which Assessments have been increased during the year 1887,
under Resolution passed at Ratepayers' Meeting, 6th March 1877.*

Name of Road.	Name of Occupant.	Assessment.	Increased to	Remarks.
10 Szechuen ...	S. J. David & Co. ...	600	720	
12 " ...	Turner & Co. ...	720	900	
23 " ...	Max Slevogt ...	1,020	1,080	
33 " ...	Geo. Oliver & Co. ...	960	1,200	
6 Klangse ...	Miss Bennett ...	960	1,080	
9 " ...	Gipperich & Burchardi	900	1,350	
37 " ...	Dr. Lalcaca ...	180	420	
47 " ...	W. M. Harvie ...	420	480	
4 " ...	A. Olsen ...	420	480	
4 Canton ...	Various ...	1,140	1,200	
17 " ...	S. R. Gale ...	540	600	
1 Nanking ...	Hirsbrunner & Co. ...	1,200	1,380	
4 " ...	Buck & Ramsay ...	600	1,080	re-built.
7 " ...	J. E. Reding ...	1,200	1,500	
9 A " ...	Mustard & Co. ...	1,500	2,200	re-built.
13 " ...	Iveson & Co. ...	3,140	3,500	
30 " ...	J. Rosenbaum ...	525	600	
31 " ...	Rosenzweig & Co. ...	960	1,200	re-built.
42 " ...	A. Olsen ...	300	360	
46 " ...	Rev. C. F. Reid ...	300	540	re-built.
21 N. Soochow..	J. F. Pereira ...	225	310	
22 to 29 " ...	Various ...	180	190	
19A Wangpoo ...	L. A. Taveres ...	420	504	
27A " ...	H. Jorge ...	420	480	
1 Broadway ...	Kaneko & Sons... ..	360	420	
12 " ...	J. Ambrose ...	135	150	
62 " ...	Thos. Weir... ..	420	450	
65 " ...	T. Handa ...	180	300	
3 to 10 Tiendong	Various ...	108	120	
12 to 15 " ...	" ...	144	160	

LOTS OF LAND ASSESSED DURING THE YEAR 1887.

No. of Lot.	No. of Title Deed.	Area.	Registered Owner.	Where Registered.	Boundaries.	Assessed Rate per Mow.
1694	1694	m. f. l. h. 0 4 8 0	H. S. Wilkinson	British	N Wu's Land S Ningpo Road E Lot 1119 W Chen's Land	3,000 Taels.
1695	1695	0 8 0 9	A. Ilbert ...	"	N Lot 1659 S " 1652 E " 721 W Public Lane	2,500 "
1707	1707	1 3 0 8	A. M. A. Evans.	"	N Pao Yuen Hsiang land..... S Lot 1506 E Pao Yuen Hsiang land W Hsin Chia Ho	1,000 "

LOCAL POSTMASTER'S REPORT.

Shanghai, 7th January 1888.

TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to submit my Report for the past year.

Correspondence.—Appended is statement of the mail matter which has passed through the office compared with the year 1886, showing a decrease in the number of mails dispatched and received of 48 and an increase in the total number of covers of 47,402.

Expresses.—The number of Expresses circulated has been 1,020 against 990 the previous year.

Subscribers.—The number of subscribers at the present time is 113, against 110 at the commencement of last year.

L. P. O. Agency, Nankin.—Arrangements have been made by which the functions of the Local Post Office are extended to Nankin, the Rev. R. E. ABBEY having kindly undertaken to make the necessary arrangements there.

L. P. O. Stamps.—A further supply of stamps of different colours to those in present use will be needed during the coming year.

The General Work of this office has gone on very satisfactorily, complaints having been few and mostly of an unimportant nature.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. RÖMER,

Local Postmaster.

LOCAL POST OFFICE.—REPORT FOR 1887.

*Correspondence passed through the Office during the year 1887,
compared with the previous year.*

YEAR.	To and from the Ports.										Local.			Grand Total.	Expenses.
	Mails.		Total.	Letters.		Papers.		Parcels.		Total.	Letters, Papers, Post Cards, etc., posted at the Office.	Letters, Papers, Post Cards, etc., posted at the Pillar-Boxes.	Total.		
	Dispatched.	Received.		Dispatched.	Received.	Dispatched.	Received.	Dispatched.	Received.						
1887	3,715	2,059	5,774	126,197	92,422	97,249	7,774	28,493	3,954	356,089	347,921	39,850	387,771	743,860	1,020
1886	3,823	1,999	5,822	105,489	86,970	103,433	6,285	23,217	3,433	328,827	305,240	35,129	340,369	669,196	990

WORKS MATTERS.

There is not much of importance to mention under this head, the greater portion of the funds provided in the Budget having been appropriated to Bundings, Drainage, Bridges, etc., principally in Hongkew and proposals are now under consideration for a large extension of roads in that part of the Settlement.

BUILDINGS.

The usual amounts have been expended in keeping in repair the different Municipal buildings.

The Captain Superintendent of Police having reported that the only place at the Hongkew Station for the detention of beggars was a wooden shanty, about six feet square, capable of holding not more than six or eight persons, and that it was neither wind nor water tight, instructions were given to have a suitable place provided, and a new building has been constructed for them at a cost of about Tls. 260.

ROADS.

Nanking and Kiangse roads.—The annexed correspondence gives particulars of the arrangement made in February for the purchase of a small strip of Mr. Iveson's property at the intersection of the Nanking and Kiangse roads, for the sum of Tls. 1,135, for the purpose of widening and improving these roads.

Shanghai, 8th February 1887.

SIR,—It is my intention to build over the Compound in front of the premises at the corner of the Nankin and Kiangse roads, at present in the occupation of the *Shanghai Courier*, and as I can surrender to the Municipal Council two strips of land, one in the Nankin road and other in the Kiangse road, the former a three-cornered piece measuring about 92.6×11.0 , at the junction of the roads and running to a point on the west, and the latter about 122.6×5.0 , I should like to know if the Council, upon the completion of the building, are prepared to take these strips over at the present assessed value of the land, and should they do so, the strip in the Kiangse road will be surrendered conditional upon its being allowed to remain as a foot-path.

The acquisition of these strips will make the roads at right angles to each other, an improvement very much needed at that spot, and I shall be glad if you will let me know the decision of the Council in this matter, as early as possible.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

E. IVESON.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 11th February 1887.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, which has been submitted to the Council, who in reply direct me to inform you that they accept your offer to surrender to them for public use, at the present assessed value of Tls. 6,000 per mow, the two strips of your property Lot 1117, Title Deed 1110, colored red in the accompanying plan and measuring together 1,121 square feet, so soon as you have completed the buildings you are about to erect on the compound in front of the premises at the corner of the Nankin and Kiangse roads, and they agree to your stipulation that the strip in Kiangse road is to be allowed to remain as a foot-path.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

E. IVESON, Esq.,
Shanghai.

Nanking and Szechuen roads.—In February last an offer was made to the Council for 1886 by the Executor of the late Mr. R. SAYLE to surrender a small strip of the property at the corner of the Nanking and Szechuen roads at the rate of Tls. 12,000 per *mow*, but as this rate was considered excessive the offer was not accepted. Subsequently the buildings upon the lot were pulled down, and the land having been advertised for sale, the present Council endeavored to make arrangements for securing the strip at the same rate per *mow* as the lot sold for, but as the reserve price was not bid the lot was not sold and the matter stands over for the present.

No. 7, Commercial Chambers,
Shanghai, 9th February 1887.

SIR,—Under instructions from the Executors of the late R. Sayle, I am authorized to offer to the Council the strip of ground forming portion of the property needed for the purpose of widening the Nanking and Szechuen roads, prior to disposing of the entire lot by public auction. The portion of land required has been estimated by Mr. T. W. Kingsmill at about 3 *fun* 5 *li* and 8 *haou* subject however to any reasonable modification required by the Council, and the Executors value it for public uses at the rate of Tls. 12,000 per *mow* of 6,600 feet, at which rate I am prepared to make a formal surrender. In the event of a sale by private contract prior to the acceptance of this offer, the Executors will do their best to facilitate the arrangement, with the purchaser, but do not engage themselves to keep it open for any definite period.

I have the honour to remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN BAILEY,
*Attorney and Agent for the Executors
of the late R. SAYLE.*

To R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 11th February 1887.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, which has been submitted to the Council, who in reply direct me to inform you that they are not prepared to accept your offer to surrender to them, for public use, two strips of the property Lot 74 Title Deed 105 measuring together about

0m. 3f. 5l. 8h. at Tls. 12,000 per *more*, for the purpose of widening the Nanking and Szechuen roads, but they will be glad to acquire the strips at the present assessed value of the land, say Tls. 6,500 per *more*.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

JOHN BAILEY, Esq.,
Agent for the Executors of the
late R. SAYLE.

Nanking road.—In compliance with the request contained in the following letter, pavement has been laid on the side-walk of the Nanking road in front of Messrs. VRARD & Co.'s premises at a cost of Tls. 266.

Shanghai, October 27th, 1887.

SIR,—We the undersigned, tenants of the Houses Nos. 35 and 36, Nanking road beg to address you with a view that you will be pleased to lay before your Council the following request, which we feel ourselves constrained to make:

"That the Council will be pleased to lay a pavement along the whole front of the houses in our occupation."

Looking to the fact that the premises we so occupy are of high rental and of superior structure, as compared with adjacent and neighbouring properties, and also to the fact that the small Chinese domiciles opposite to us have the advantage of us with regard to pavements, and also looking to the fact that during wet and damp weather the muddy state of the side-walk so bordering our premises is a cause of great discomfort and annoyance to us and to our constituents, we trust the Council will kindly be disposed to meet us in the matter of this our request, and we would feel inclined to suggest that such work be undertaken with as little delay as possible.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

MEYER, LEMKE & CO.
L. VRARD & Co.

To R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Foochow road.—In 1881 an arrangement was made with Mr. GROOM for the surrender of a small strip of Lot 967 for the sum of Tls. 400, the land to be given up whenever the buildings then on it were pulled down. Recently the land was sold to Mr. E. E. SASSOON, and from the annexed correspondence it will be seen that the strip has been surrendered and the buildings set back as arranged with Mr. GROOM.

Shanghai, 30th May 1887.

SIR,—Referring to your letter No. 81/470 dated the 11th October 1881, addressed to F. A. Groom, Esq., in reply to a letter from that gentleman, about surrendering to the Council a strip of land of Lot No. 967 for widening the Foochow road, I shall be obliged if you will inform me whether the present Council are disposed to accept the same offer for the sum of Taels Four hundred (Tls. 400) as then agreed upon.

I have purchased the Lot in question and intend rebuilding the houses thereon forthwith.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. E. SASSOON.

To R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 31st May 1887.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th instant, which has been submitted to the Council, who in reply desire me to inform you that they are prepared to carry out the arrangement made with Mr. Groom in 1881, and will be glad to accept the surrender of a strip of Lot 967 sufficient to make the Foochow road of a uniform width of 30 feet along the front of the Lot, for the sum of Four hundred Taels (Tls. 400).

The area of the portion to be surrendered is 1,224 square feet, or say Om. 1f. 8l. 6k.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

E. E. SASSOON, Esq.,
Shanghai.

Kiukiang road.—Nothing further has been done about the widening of the Kiukiang road between the Fuhkien and Hoopoh roads, but arrangements have been made with Messrs. IVESON & Co. for the surrender in March next of a small strip of the land required, at the assessed rate of Tls. 3,500 per *mow*, which may be regarded as the commencement of a long-desired improvement. The cost of the land will be about Tls. 350.

Tiendong and Seward roads.—The arrangement made with Mr. KINGSMILL in 1883 for widening these roads, and which was renewed last year, is now being carried out, the old buildings having been pulled down and the new buildings, now in course of erection, set back to the agreed line. By this arrangement the Tiendong road between the Woosung and Seward roads will have a uniform width of about 36 feet. The area of the land surrendered is 0m. 6f. 7l. 1h. for which the sum of Tls. 3,000 has been paid.

Sin Kei Pang road.—In pursuance with the arrangement made in the annexed correspondence, the proposed new road has been taken over, made up, and drained, and as the land in the neighbourhood is now being completely built over, it will be metalled and curbs, etc., laid down immediately. It has been decided to name this road Sin Kei Pang road. The area of the land surrendered is about 2m. 4l. 5f. 0h.

Shanghai, 25th March 1887.

Re Proposed New Road in Hongkew.

SIR,—We beg to hand you herewith plan of a proposed new road in the American Settlement. It is situated to the East of the Hwakee road and runs in a northerly direction from the Seward road to the Sin Kei Pang.

We are prepared to surrender the same to public use (as tinted red on the plan) free of all charge, except fees and expenses, which will not amount to more than about fifty taels, provided the Council will take over the road at once, form and brick the same within three months from this date, and execute the curbing, metalling and drainage as soon as the condition of the properties abutting thereon render this advisable.

We are,

Your obedient servants,

MORRISON & GRATTON.

The Chairman of the
Shanghai Municipal Council.

Shanghai. 1st April 1887.

GENTLEMEN,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, which has been submitted to the Council, who in reply direct me to inform you that they accept your offer to surrender to them, free of cost except fees and expenses amounting to about fifty taels, the strip of land colored pink on the plan which you enclose, for a 30-feet road extending in a northerly direction from the Seward road to the Sin Kei Pang, a little to the East of the Hwakee road, on the understanding that they are to form and brick the road within three months from this date, and that they will execute the curbing, metalling and drainage when necessary.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

Messrs. MORRISON & GRATTON,
Shanghai.

Sungkiang road.—On the recommendation of the Works Committee the Council have arranged to have a row of Salisburia or other trees planted along the Sungkiang road from the Bund to the Szechuen road, as suggested in the following letter :—

China & Japan Trading Co., Ltd.,
Shanghai, 23rd November 1887.

SIR,—We would ask that a row of trees be planted on the Yang-king-pang (Sung-kiang road). We are of the opinion that as a Sanitary measure alone, if for no other reasons, it would be very desirable.

We are chiefly interested in that part between the Bund and the Szechuen road, but no doubt our neighbours will agree with us that it is desirable to have the trees extend the whole length of the creek on *both* sides, and we would ask the good offices of the Council in the matter of obtaining the co-operation of the French Council in planting on their side also.

Yours faithfully,

F. E. HASKELL,

Manager.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,

Secretary, Shanghai Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 29th November 1887.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, which has been submitted to the Council, who in reply direct me to inform you that in compliance with your request they have instructed their Surveyor to have a row of trees planted along the Sungkiang road between the Bund and Szechuen road, but they are not prepared in the meantime to have them placed along the whole length of the Yang King Pang Creek.

I am also desired to say that they will inform the French Council of your suggestion that trees should also be planted along their side of the Creek, and that you consider this very desirable if only as a sanitary measure.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

F. E. HASKELL, Esq.,

Manager, China and Japan Trading Co., Limited.

PROPOSED NEW ROADS IN HONGKEW.

The following letters complete the correspondence between MESSRS. MORRISON & GRATTON and the Council for 1886 regarding the proposed new roads in Hongkew :—

Shanghai, 15th January 1887.

Re Proposed New Roads, American Settlement.

SIR,—We beg to inform you that we are now arranging for further building of Chinese houses on vacant land to the North of Tiendong Road and should be glad to know if convenient whether the Council have come to a final decision respecting the Roads mentioned in our letter of 10th December last, as we shall arrange to leave the land required for the roads vacant provided that you think it probable that our offer will be accepted. Apologising for troubling you.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

MORRISON & GRATTON.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.

Shanghai, 18th January 1887.

GENTLEMEN,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, and in reply I beg to say that after duly considering the proposals contained in your letter of the 10th December, the Works Committee came to the conclusion that the extension of the North Kiangse road from the Tiendong road to the Native road, and of the Cross road from the North Kiangse to the North Szechuen road, would not be of much use to the public at present, and on their recommendation the Council decided not to accept your offer to have these extensions carried out at a cost of Tls. 1,900.

With regard to the Woochang road the Council do not consider it desirable to accept your offer to extend it from the Chapoo to the North Szechuen road at a cost at Tls. 1,650 unless the extension can be carried out the whole distance to the North Honan road.

As you are aware, the present Council's term of office is virtually over, but as the Council for 1887 may be inclined to take your offers into consideration it would perhaps be advisable for you, when arranging for the further building of Chinese houses on the ground to the north of Tiendong road, to leave vacant the land required for the proposed roads.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

Messrs. MORRISON & GRATTON,
Shanghai.

Shanghai, 20th January 1887.

Re Proposed Roads, American Settlement.

SIR,—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. No. ⁸⁷/₁₉, from which we see that you are not prepared to accept our proposal to extend the Woochang Road unless that extension can be carried the whole distance to North Honan Road. We can give no definite answer upon this point at present, but we shall be happy to endeavour to arrange it provided that you desire us to proceed with the matter in your interest. Should it, however, be found impossible to secure the land necessary for the road, or if when arranged with the owners the cost be found prohibitive, we shall have to ask the Council to be good enough to meet our bill for expenses in connection herewith.

With regard to your recommendation that we should leave vacant the land required for the proposed roads, we beg to say that we will delay building operations until the new Council can consider our scheme for surrendering the North Kiangse and Cross Roads, as we are anxious to give the Council every opportunity of securing road improvements when they can be obtained on reasonable terms. We should feel greatly obliged if you would give the matter your early consideration, as we are prepared to leave the land vacant provided the present Council recommend the scheme to the new Council for execution. Should it, however, be decided not to take over the roads we must beg to withdraw our offers, which cannot be taken as a basis of future value, as it will be readily seen that if owners leave land vacant from which they could now get good returns by covering it with houses, or on the other hand if they build upon the land required for roads, the expense of removing the houses and the loss of rents thereby produced will in either case make the improvements more costly.

We would venture to impress upon the Council the fact that Chinese owners are not anxious to leave wide roads as it is quite sufficient in large blocks of Chinese property to leave 15 or 20 feet passages at intervals, and it is only when foreign interest can be brought to bear upon Chinese proprietors that good road schemes can be arranged.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

MORRISON & GRATTON.

The Chairman of the Shanghai
Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 31st January 1887.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, addressed to the Chairman, and to inform you that the Council would prefer that you should act as you may think most advisable with regard to the proposed new roads in Hongkew, and that they do not wish you to take any steps on their account either for the extension of the Woochang road or for leaving vacant the land required for the other roads.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

Messrs. MORRISON & GRATTON,
Shanghai.

PROPOSED NEW ROAD FROM SEWARD ROAD TO THE BROADWAY.

From the annexed correspondence it will be seen that the Council declined to accept this road upon the terms named in Messrs. MORRISON & GRATTON's letters, but it is now included in the scheme of new roads which will be submitted to the Ratepayers at the Annual Meeting :—

1, Foochow Road,
Shanghai, 23rd July 1887.

SIR,—In accordance with conversations held with your Surveyor, Mr. CLARK, we beg to enclose herewith a plan shewing a proposed new road to connect the Seward Road with Broadway, Hongkew.

This road is 40 feet wide, and we have arranged with the foreign owners of the land, coloured red, to surrender the same to public use for a sum not to exceed Taels 2,500 (Two thousand five hundred).

To get this road in a really good and suitable position it is necessary to carry it partially through land coloured yellow, belonging to Chinese owners, and to direct the creek as shewn on the plan. We think, as this is to all intents and purposes a public improvement, that the most satisfactory means of getting the Chinese owners to agree to the scheme will be to ask the Taotai officially to render his assistance, as he would be able to ascertain exactly for what sum the land coloured yellow could be acquired and the graves thereon removed.

With regard to the diversion of the creek we may say that the pond through which we propose to cut the new creek connection is now an unhealthy stagnant pool which would be entirely done away with in this scheme, as the remainder of the pond could then be filled up. The creek being tidal will be improved by having the loop running to Broadway removed and the flow of water will be rendered easier by the proposed alteration.

The difficulties of "Feng-shui" which this proposal presents to the minds of the local Chinese owners renders it almost impossible for the Council to get the new road settled by private arrangement with the Tepas of the district, but as these difficulties will have to be met and settled very soon to secure the connection of these, the principal thoroughfares in this portion of the American Settlement, we venture to think this a good opportunity when so much of the land can be obtained at a reasonable figure.

Provided the owners of the small lot coloured green are prepared to transfer it at a reasonable price we believe the proprietors of the land on the East side would be willing to take it over.

We shall be glad to hear if you approve the above proposal at your early convenience,

And are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

MORRISON & GRATTON.

The Chairman of the Shanghai
Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 20th August 1887.

GENTLEMEN,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd July which has been submitted to the Council, who in reply direct me to inform you that they are not at present prepared to accept the offer of the owners to surrender for a sum not to exceed Tls. 2,500 a strip of land 40 feet wide for the purpose of making a road to connect the Seward road with the Broadway at a point near Wayside.

Should you however be able to arrange with the owners for the surrender of the said strip of land, free of cost, the Council will undertake to have the proposed road made, provided they can arrange with the native owners for acquiring the strip of land required for extending the Seward road to the point of junction with the new road.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

Messrs. MORRISON & GRATTON,
Shanghai.

Shanghai, 27th August 1887.

Re Proposed New Road, Hongkew.

SIR,—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 20th inst., No $\frac{87}{314}$ and in reply thereto we are authorised to say that the owners are not prepared to surrender the land necessary for a road, between Broadway and Seward Road, through their property, free of cost, but that if the Council are prepared to take over, form, and metal a road within reasonable time they will consider an offer.

We beg to point out that the land has considerably increased in value and has realised high prices within recent times, and that the only object which the owners have for offering a 40-feet road instead of one 30 feet wide, is, that it will be of greater advantage to the general public.

We shall consider it a favour if you will kindly inform us at your early convenience if you are desirous of treating for this, and if so upon what terms.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

MORRISON & GRATTON.

The Chairman of the Shanghai
Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 31st August 1887.

GENTLEMEN,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th instant, which has been submitted to the Council, who in reply direct me to inform you that they are not prepared at present to make an offer for the land required to form the road connecting the Seward road with the Broadway as proposed in your letter of the 23rd July.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

Messrs. MORRISON & GRATTON,
Shanghai.

OUTSIDE ROADS.

BUBBLING WELL ROAD.

The Skew bridge on this road, near the Country Club, having become unsafe for traffic, it has been removed and replaced by a new one at a cost of Tls. 1,655.

The new bridge is wider than the former one, and the approach to it has been straightened and improved by bunding part of the Creek, and taking in another strip of the road.

A new railing has been placed along the edge of the Markham road.

CEMETERY ROAD.

The filthy state of the Cemetery road has had the attention of the different Councils during a good many years, but as the road is outside the limits of the Settlement and has never been formally surrendered for public use, nothing has hitherto been done to improve it.

A short time since the Inspector of Nuisances reported that it is quite impossible to keep the road clean unless it is properly drained, and side-channels, etc., provided, as the natives who live along it throw out all their refuse into the side-gutters, choking them up, and preventing all escape for surface water, so that in wet weather the road becomes almost impassable.

As the road is of importance to residents, the Council decided to have it drained at once, and drain-pipes have now been laid down along the whole length of it, from the Cemetery to the bridge at the Defence Creek; sinks have also been constructed, and curbs and side-channels are being laid down, the whole costing about Tls. 4,000.

A new bunding has been constructed along the small creek on the west side of the road, near the bridge, at a cost of Tls. 820.

BUND SIDE-WALK.

In July last the Vice-Chairman directed the attention of the Council to the defective state of most of the side-walks in the Settlement, and recommended that instead of being metalled, as they are at present, they should be laid with concrete composed of Portland Cement, etc., and the Surveyor was then instructed to report as to the most suitable description of concrete and to prepare an estimate of what it would cost per fong to lay the side-walks with it as recommended.

The Surveyor having recommended concrete composed as follows:

1 Part Portland Cement	}	4 inches.
4 " Ningpo Stone.....		
2 " Red Sand		
1 " Portland Cement...	}	1 inch.
1½ " Fine granite chips and sand.....		
		5 inches.

which could be obtained at Tls. 7 per fong, it was decided, as a trial, to lay it down on the side-walk on the west side of the bund in front of the premises of Messrs. A. DENT & Co., between the Hankow and Kiukiang roads, and if it is found to stand the weather, to have it laid down in other parts of the Settlement.

So far it has stood the test fairly well, and provision has been made in the Budget for laying it along the whole length of the side-walk on the west side of the Bund, in the course of next year.

BUNDINGS.

Fearon road.—The bunding on this road between the Seward road and Broadway has been thoroughly repaired and an iron railing placed along the edge of it for the protection of the public against accidents, the whole costing Tls. 3,000.

Yang-king-pang Creek.—Shortly before the completion of the dredging of the Yang-king-pang, the roadway on the west side of the Szechuen road bridge began to sink for a distance of about 300 feet, and the stone bunding in front of it to bulge out, most probably owing to a large quantity of the mud taken out of the creek having been deposited upon the road, and allowed to remain there for a considerable time, but it must also be recollected that this was a continuation of the old bunding which gave way in 1878, and that the piling had become rotten from long exposure to the weather.

As it was necessary to have the bunding reconstructed, it was decided after full consideration to have the stone-work removed, and to have it replaced with a substantial wooden bunding, and this has been done at a cost of about Tls. 800, or Tls. 29.50 per chang.

Soon afterwards the roadway and bunding on the east side of the bridge began to give way in the same manner, and from the same cause, rendering it necessary to have about 200 feet of the bunding removed and reconstructed, but as all the bunding between the bridge and the river is stone-work, it was decided to have this part constructed of stone also, the foundations, however, to be laid on concrete instead of on wooden piles as formerly; the work is now being carried out as quickly as possible, a contract having been made in November for the reconstruction of the bunding at Tls. 126 per chang, the contractor being allowed to use the stone from the old bunding. The cost of the whole when completed will be Tls. 2,650, which appears as an outstanding account of 1887.

Taiping road.—The annexed correspondence gives particulars of the arrangement made with Messrs. FARNHAM & Co. for bunding and improving the frontage of the Taiping road:—

Shanghai, 15th March 1887.

DEAR SIR,—Having entered into a contract with the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company to bund the frontage of their property adjoining the "Old Dock," we beg to recommend the following proposal for the Council's consideration, viz.:

To bund in the front of the Taiping road, making a continuous line from the Central Wharf to the Old Dock property.

To run out the present Municipal drain to front of proposed bunding, to construct a landing-stage in front of the road with iron stanchions and rails, and fill in the road with mud to level of bunding. Total cost of the work would be Tls. 625 (Six hundred and twenty-five Shanghai Taels).

Herewith we beg to hand you a tracing prepared in accordance with your Surveyor's, Mr. CLARK's suggestions.

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

S. C. FARNHAM & CO.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,

Secretary, Shanghai Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 25th March 1887.

GENTLEMEN,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, which has been submitted to the Council, who in reply direct me to inform you that they accept your offer to bund in the front of the Taiping road so as to form a continuous line from the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's Central Wharf to the Old Dock, to run out the present Municipal drain to the front of the bunding, to construct a landing-stage in front of the road with iron stanchions and rails, and to fill in the road with mud to the level of the bunding; the whole to be done for the sum of Six hundred and twenty-five Taels (625).

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

Messrs. S. C. FARNHAM & Co.

DRAINAGE.

Provision was made in the Budget for large drainage works in Hongkew, all of which have been carried out, and full particulars of them will be found in the annexed report by the Surveyor.

Seward road.—A brick drain has been constructed along the Seward road from the Chaou Foong to the Kung Ping road, a distance of about 118 changs, which completes the drainage of it, so far as it has yet been acquired by the Council, costing about Tls. 1,200.

Kung Ping road.—The drainage of this road has also been completed, a brick drain having been built along the whole length of it from the Broadway to the river, a distance of 142 changs, at a cost of about Tls. 2,600. Broadway between the Dent and Kung Ping roads has had a brick drain laid along it at a cost of Tls. 545.

Chapoo road.—From the Boone road to the Soochow Creek, and the Tiendong road between the Chapoo and North Szechuen roads, have also had brick drains built along them at a cost of Tls. 2,200 for the former and Tls. 730 for the latter.

BRIDGES.

Chekiang road.—In 1880, at the request of some owners of property in that neighbourhood, the Council contributed Tls. 500 towards the construction of a foot-bridge across the Soochow Creek at the end of the Chekiang road, and undertook to keep it in good order and repair, provided that it was handed over to them, which was done.

This bridge having become worn out, and unsafe for traffic, provision was made in the Budget for having it removed, and for replacing it with a wider bridge suitable for carriage traffic, and this has been done at a cost of Tls. 5,400.

Yang Tsze Poo.—The old bridge across the creek at the end of the Yang Tsze Poo road has been removed, and a new one has been provided at a cost of Tls. 2,600. The approach to the new bridge has been much improved by bunding a small portion of the Creek on either side of it, and the bridge is now almost in a straight line with the road on both sides of the Creek.

Yang-King-Pang.—In accordance with an arrangement between the French Council and the Council for 1886, provision was made in the Budget for this year for a new iron bridge to be placed across the Yang-King-Pang, to connect the Yunnan road with the Rue Palikao, the work to be carried out under the superintendence of the Engineer to the French Council.

Plans for the new bridge were prepared by the French Engineer, and submitted to, and approved of by the Municipal Surveyor, and in August the Council were informed that the following tenders had been accepted :

Messrs. BORD & Co., to construct the bridge...	Tls. 4,000.00
Wen Hai Sing " ,, abutments	880.00
Making up roads, etc.	600.00
	Tls. 5,480.00

The work was expected to have been completed before the end of the year, but owing to the great delay which has taken place in the construction of the abutments, it is doubtful whether it will be open to traffic before March next.

Taiping road.—The following correspondence gives the conditions on which permission was given to the China Merchants' S. N. Co. to construct a bridge at the end of the Taiping road:—

China Merchants' S. N. Co.,
Shanghai, 18th April 1887.

SIR,—I beg to apply for the permission of the Council to connect with a bridge opposite the end of the Taiping road, the pontoon lying off this Company's Central Hongkew Wharf with that off the Old Dock. The bridge will be 30 feet long, and will be arched to leave six feet clear above the water, as shown in the accompanying elevation.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MA KIE-TCHONG,
Director.

The Secretary,
Municipal Council, Shanghai.

Shanghai, 26th April 1887.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, which has been submitted to the Council, who in reply direct me to inform you that they will grant you permission to connect by a bridge the pontoon lying off the China Merchants' S. N. Co.'s Central Wharf, and that off the Old Dock on the following conditions:—

"That the bridge shall be arched so as to leave seven (7) feet clear above the water instead of six as you propose.

"That the China Merchants' S. N. Co. will pay the Council a nominal rental of Ten Taels (Tls. 10) per annum for the permission to place the bridge across the

end of the Taiping road, and that they will undertake to remove it should it at any time prove to be a public inconvenience and they are called upon by the Council to do so.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

MA KIE-TCHONG, Esq.,
Director,
China Merchants' S. N. Co.

China Merchants' S. N. Co.,
Shanghai, 28th April 1887.

SIR,—Referring to your letter No. 170/87 of the 26th instant, conveying the permission of the Council to connect by a bridge the pontoon lying off the C. M. S. N. Co.'s Central Hongkew Wharf with that off the Old Dock, I beg now to inform you that I accept the conditions named as follows:—

- 1.—The bridge will leave seven (7) feet clear above the water.
- 2.—Rental at Tls. 10 per annum for permission to place the bridge across the Taiping road, will be paid upon your assuring me that other wharf owners invariably pay rent for such permission.
- 3.—The bridge will be removed should we be called upon by the Council to do so on the ground that it is a public inconvenience.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MA KIE-TCHONG,
Director.

The Secretary,
Municipal Council, Shanghai.

Bridge behind the Horse Bazaar.—The permission applied for in the annexed letter having been granted, this bridge has been widened and improved as proposed;—

Shanghai, 9th September 1887.

SIR,—I am requested by the occupants of property adjoining the bridge over the Defence Creek on the north side of, and next to the Nanking road bridge, to enquire whether the Council will permit it to be widened as shewn on the accompanying sketch. The applicants are willing to pay the cost of the alteration and that the work be conducted under your supervision.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. M. CORY.

C. B. CLARK, Esq.,
Surveyor, Municipal Council.

LANDING-STAGES.

A new landing-stage has been constructed in front of the premises of the P. & O. Co. In compliance with the request contained in the following letter, gates have been placed across the approach to the pontoon there.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL S. N. Co.

Shanghai, 25th November 1887.

DEAR SIR,—Considerable inconvenience and annoyance is caused to passengers brought to the jetty in front of this office, in the tug conveying them from the mail steamers, by the rush of coolies who board the boat immediately she comes alongside in such numbers as to cause great hindrance to persons wishing to land, and seize promiscuously any article of baggage on which they can lay hands.

Although a special constable is detailed to regulate the traffic on the jetty when the mail is expected it is impossible for him, or for the Company's employes on board the tug, to prevent this state of confusion under existing arrangements; and I would suggest as a remedy, that gates should be placed across the approach to the pontoon, to be closed and opened by the constable on duty only, which will enable him to regulate the movements of the coolies without in any way interfering with free access to the pontoon by Europeans.

As this is a matter affecting public convenience, I trust the Council will give favorable consideration to my suggestion.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

H. H. JOSEPH,
Agent.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 29th November 1887.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, addressed to the Chairman, and in reply I am directed to inform you that in compliance with your request the Council have instructed the Surveyor to have gates placed across the approach to the pontoon at the end of the jetty in front of your premises, in order to prevent the rush of coolies on board the tug-boat conveying passengers from the mail steamers, which now takes place, and about which you complain.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

H. H. JOSEPH,
Agent,
Peninsular & Oriental S. N. Co.

New hardwood jetties have been provided in front of the Astor House, the premises of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., two on the north side of the Soochow Creek, and one at the Fearon road.

New iron bridges have been provided for the pontoons at the ends of the Canton, Foochow, and Hankow roads, and in front of the premises of Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., and the P. & O. Co., at a cost of Tls. 700 each.

DREDGING OF THE YANG-KING-PANG CREEK.

In 1886 an arrangement was made between the French and English Councils to have the Yang-king-pang deepened from the river to the Defence Creek, at their joint expense, and in October of that year the French Council made a contract with Messrs. Boyd & Co. to do the work with their steam-dredger for the sum of Tls. 1,450 exclusive of the cost of carting away the mud taken out, which it was estimated would not exceed Tls. 300 to 400, or say in all Tls. 1,800.

In January last it was found that the work of dredging was going on very slowly, and complaints having been made to the Council about the length of time the mud taken out of the Creek was allowed to remain upon the banks of it, before being carted away, which was considered injurious to the health of those living in the neighbourhood, it was decided to address the French Council on the subject. The following is the letter and the reply to it.

Shanghai, 31st January 1887.

SIR,—At the meeting of the Municipal Council on Thursday afternoon the attention of the Members was directed to the slow progress made with the dredging of the Yang-King-Pang, and the length of time the mud taken out is allowed to remain upon the banks of the Creek before it is carted away.

I shall feel obliged if you will inform me when the dredging of the Creek is likely to be completed; and I trust that you will arrange for the work being done as quickly as possible, and for the mud being carted away at once or removed in boats.

I am, Sir,

* Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,

Chairman.

J. CHAPSAL, Esq.,

Chairman, French Municipal Council.

Shanghai, le 1er février 1887.

MONSIEUR LE PRÉSIDENT,—J'ai l'honneur de vous accuser réception de votre lettre du 31 janvier dernier par laquelle vous voulez bien m'informer que l'attention des Membres du "Municipal Council" a été attirée sur la lenteur d'exécution des travaux de curage du Yang-king-pang et sur la longueur du temps de stationnement de la boue sur les quais.

Le Conseil s'est déjà depuis longtemps préoccupé également de ces deux questions et l'enlèvement des boues n'a été retardé que par la coïncidence du mauvais temps et des fêtes du jour de l'an chinois. Il a pendant ces quelques jours, été absolument impossible de trouver des coolies à n'importe quel prix, et l'accumulation provisoire de la vase sur les quais provenait, en réalité, d'un cas de force majeure.

La saison est trop avancée pour qu'il soit possible d'achever, à présent, le curage de la crique et voici ce qui j'ai décidé, après avoir pris l'avis des médecins sanitaires des Concessions et m'être entendu avec MM. Boyd & Co.

Le draguage du Yang-king-pang sera poursuivi avec toute l'activité possible et les boues seront enlevées au fur et à mesure, sans délai, jusqu'à fin février. Vers cette date, suivant la température, les travaux seront suspendus jusqu'à l'automne prochain et ne seront repris que sur un ordre approuvé par les médecins sanitaires.

Messieurs Boyd & Co. en consentant à cet arrangement renoncent à toucher toute part du prix de leur travail jusqu'à ce que le curage soit entièrement achevé.

J'espère que cette combinaison nouvelle, en supprimant tout sujet de crainte et en donnant satisfaction aux demandes de quelques contribuable, aura l'approbation, sans réserve, de votre Conseil.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Président, les assurances de ma considération la plus distinguée.

Le Président du Conseil,

J. CHAPSAL.

Monsieur A. G. WOOD,

Président du " Municipal Council "
à Shanghai.

The dredging was completed about the beginning of April, and the present Council were then informed that the total cost was Tls. 3,231.50, of which their half share amounted to Tls. 1,615.75.

As this was considerably in excess of the sum provided in the Budget, it was decided before paying to ask for an explanation how the additional expense had been incurred, and a satisfactory reply having been received from the French Council, a cheque for the amount was sent to them.

Annexed is the correspondence with the French Council.

Shanghai, le 19 Avril 1887.

MONSIEUR,—J'ai l'honneur de vous remettre ci-joint le compte des dépenses faites pour le curage du Yang-king-pang, il s'élève S.E.O.O. à la somme de Taëls 3,231.50.

Ces Travaux ayant été faits en commun avec le "Municipal Council" vous voudrez bien me faire parvenir un chèque de Taëls 1,615.75 représentant la contribution de votre Conseil à ces dépenses.

Agrérez, Monsieur, l'assurance de ma considération la plus distinguée.

Le Secrétaire,

JAMES BONABEAU.

Monsieur R. F. THORBURN,
Secrétaire du "Municipal Council,"
Shanghai.

Shanghai, 27th April 1887.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant enclosing particulars of the sums expended by the French Council upon the cleansing of the Yang-king-pang Creek and the removal of the mud taken out of it, the whole amounting to Tls. 3,231.50, and requesting me to send you a cheque for Tls. 1,615.75, being the Municipal Council's half share of the expense.

Your letter and account have been submitted to the Council, who desire me to say that before paying the amount named they would be glad to receive from the French Council some explanation why the sum expended should have been so large when in your letter of 29th October last you informed me that a contract had been made with Messrs. Boyd & Co. to dredge the Creek from the River to the Defence Creek for Tls. 1,450 and your Engineer estimated that the cost of removing the mud would not exceed Tls. 300, whilst from the account now sent it appears that the cleansing of the Creek has cost Tls. 1,783.33, or Tls. 333.33 more than the contract price, and the removal of the mud Tls. 1,448.17, or no less than Tls. 1,148.17 over the estimate.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

JAMES BONABEAU, Esq.,
Secretary, French Municipal Council.

Shanghai, le 13 Mai 1887.

MONSIEUR,—J'ai l'honneur de vous accuser réception de votre lettre du 27 Avril relative aux dépenses de curage du Yang-king-pang, et je suis chargé de vous donner les explications suivantes, en réponse aux observations de votre Conseil.

Le contrat passé avec M.M. Boyd & Co. avait, en effet, fixé à Tls. 1,450, le coût du curage, au moyen d'un drague à vapeur, non compris l'enlèvement des boues qui devaient être déposées sur les deux quais du Yang-king-pang, et MM. Boyd & Co. avaient estimé à deux pieds l'épaisseur moyenne de la vase à enlever dans tout la longueur du canal. Après quelques semaines de travail il fut facile de voir que la quantité de vase à enlever était beaucoup plus considérable qu'on ne l'avait cru d'abord et l'on se rendit compte que la drague ne pourrait achever le curage dans les délais prévus.

En fait la profondeur à laquelle la drague a dû creuser du pont No. 1 au pont No. 3 a atteint et même dépassé dans certaines parties six pieds et l'on peut estimer aujourd'hui à 4 pieds au moins l'épaisseur moyenne de la vase enlevée sur toute la longueur du Yang-king-pang : le travail à opérer, ainsi que la quantité de boues à enlever étaient donc le double de ce qui avait été prévu dans la première estimation.

D'un autre côté il n'y avait plus lieu de songer à continuer le curage au moyen de la drague qui ne pouvait rendre les services que l'on avait cru pouvoir lui demander, et, dans l'intérêt de la santé Publique, le Conseil d'Administration de la Concession Française décida de recourir à des moyens plus prompts et plus pratiques en vue d'achever le curage vers le milieu du mois de mars.

Votre Conseil fut informé de cette décision par une lettre en date du 1er février, en réponse aux observations qui nous avaient été présentées sur la lenteur avec laquelle marchaient les travaux.

Le nouveau mode d'opération à employer devait forcément entraîner une augmentation sensible de dépenses, mais le Conseil a pensé qu'il devait, vu les circonstances, passer outre à cette considération et n'avoir en vue que le prompt achèvement du travail.

Un nouveau contrat fut donc conclu avec un entrepreneur chinois pour le curage de la partie du Yang-king-pang; comprise entre le Pont No. 3 et le "Defence Creek" aux conditions suivantes :

1.—Curage entre le Pont No. 3 et le Pont No. 5 et enlèvement ces	Tls.
boues par bateaux	650.00
2.—Curage entre le Pont No. 5 et le "Defence Creek" et dépôt des	
boues sur les côtés du canal	650.00
3.—Enlèvement des boues du Pont No. 5 au "Defence Creek" et	
transport à la pépinière du cimetière à raison de 40 cents par fang : soit	
pour le cube reconnu—fangs : 2,085.25	834.10
	2,134.10

A ce chiffre il y'a lieu d'ajouter :

1.—Par revenant à MM. Boyd & Co. pour le travail fait par leur drague de l'embouchure du Yang-king-pang au Pont No. 3 et qui a été fixée au tiers du montant du contrat primitif, en raison de l'énorme quantité de vase qu'il a fallu extraire dans cette partie et qui ainsi, je l'ai dit d'autre part, a dépassé en certains endroits une épaisseur de 6 pieds, ci ...										483.33
2.—Enlèvement des boues déposées par la drague sur les quais du Yang-king-pang et transport au cimetière: ce travail a été fait par les moyens de notre municipalité. Coolies pour le chargement de tombereaux, jour et nuit Tls.										314.12
Chevaux supplémentaires, travail de jour et de nuit 615										
journées										299.95
										614.07
Total Général, Taëls										3,231.50

En réponse à votre observation relative à la somme de Tls. 300.00 qui, d'après vous, devait représenter les frais d'enlèvement des boues suivant estimation faite par l'Ingénieur de la Municipalité Française, je dois vous faire remarquer que, aux termes du rapport de Mr. Blondin, la somme de Tls. 300, ne comprenait que les frais de coolies pour le chargement des tombereaux qui devaient enlever les boues, mais non point le transport de ces boues qui, dans le premier calcul, devait être effectué par les tombereaux des deux Municipalités, ainsi que cela avait été arrange entre notre Ingénieur et celui du "Municipal Council." Il fallut abandonner ce plans quand on ce fut rendu compte que la quantité de vase a extraire était, dans de certaines parties, trois fois plus grande que ne l'avaient prévu MM. Boyd & Co. et notre Ingénieur et l'on dut recourir à d'autres moyens qui devaient se traduire par un surcroit de dépenses.

De tout ce qui précède il résulte qu'au moment ou a été passé le contrat avec MM. Boyd & Co. il y'a en de part et d'autre erreur dans l'estimation de la quantité de vase à extraire et erreur dans l'appréciation de la puissance de la drague pour le travail qu'on devait lui demander. Lorsque le Conseil a dû rechercher d'autres moyens pour mener a bonne fin et avant le printemps le curage du Yang-king-pang il a tenu compte de la bonne foi qui avait mené a la conclusion d'un arrangement dont les défauts furent bien vite reconnues et il ne crut pas, dans ces circonstances, devoir réclamer de MM. Boyd & Co. l'exécution pure et simple de leur contrat. Il a préféré le rompre a l'amiable en indemnisant équitablement MM. Boyd & Co. pour le travail fait par eux, et le Conseil pense que le "Municipal Council" partagera sa manière de voir à ce sujet.

Espérant que les explications qui précèdent donneront tout satisfaction au Membres de votre Conseil, je vous prie, Monsieur, d'agréer l'assurance de ma considération distinguée.

Conseil d'Administration Municipalité Française de Shanghai,

Le Secrétaire,

JAMES BONABEAU.

Monsieur R. F. THORBURN,
Secrétaire "Municipal Council,"
Shanghai.

DEFENCE CREEK.

A provision of Tls. 2,000 was made in the Budget for the cleaning out and deepening of the Defence Creek, but the work has been done without it having been found necessary to expend any sum upon it, the owners of property in that neighbourhood having agreed to deepen the creek at their own expense provided that they were allowed to make use of the mud taken out of it, for raising their land.

FIRE-ALARMS AND TELEPHONES.

The annexed correspondence gives full particulars of the new agreement made with the China and Japan Telephone Company for one year from 1st May 1887 to 30th April 1888, and of the arrangement for removing the old wooden fire-alarm boxes, which have become worn out, and replacing them with iron boxes at a cost of about Tls. 180.

Shanghai, 7th May 1887.

SIR,—The Contract made last year by the Council with the China and Japan Telephone Company, for the maintenance, repairing and keeping in good working order of all the Municipal Telephones and Telegraphs for the sum of Sixty Taels (Tls. 60) per month, having expired on the 30th ultimo, I am directed to inquire

whether you are prepared to renew it for another year on the same terms, with this exception, that the Telephone in the Surveyor's office, for which you now make a separate charge, shall in future be included with the others.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

E. E. PORTER, Esq.,
Manager,
China & Japan Telephone Coy.

Shanghai, 11th May 1887.

SIR,—I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your favor dated 7th May, and in reply thereto beg to hand you a statement showing the telephone and fire-alarms at present owned by the Municipal Council. You will see from this that we have looked after and kept in working order ten new lines for the past year without any extra payment, and I think it but fair that we should now expect to receive some slight increase on the sum at present paid us.

Would you therefore be good enough to submit the following proposition to the Council for their kind consideration.

Namely, that they should for the future pay us the sum of seventy-five taels per mensem (Tls. 75) for which sum we shall be prepared to look after all their lines, including the Telephone in the Surveyor's office. In asking for this additional sum I have not overlooked the fact that the Council was good enough to exempt us from the very heavy tax formerly placed upon our poles, but at the same time beg to respectfully point out to them that the expense of moving stays, poles, etc., which was formerly borne by the Council for their own lines, now falls on us.

Further, I may mention, we have during the past year purchased the Council's old material, for a sum of Taels four hundred and ninety-two (Tls. 492), which is over a third of the amount we received for last year's Contract.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For the China & Japan Telephone Co.

E. E. PORTER,
Manager.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 17th May 1887.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, which has been submitted to the Council, who in reply direct me to inform you that they accept your offer to maintain, repair and keep in good working order all the Council's Telephone and Telegraph Lines and Fire-Alarms, including the Telephone in the Surveyor's office, for the sum of seventy-five Taels (Tls. 75) per month for a period of one year commencing on 1st May 1887 and terminating on the 30th April 1888.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

E. E. PORTER, Esq.,
Manager, China and Japan Telephone
Company.

China and Japan Telephone Company, Limited,
Shanghai Exchange,
Shanghai, 29th December 1887.

SIR,—I beg to call your attention to the fact that the wooden fire-boxes erected by this Company in 1886 are, owing to the extremes of climate, quite unsuitable to protect the instruments over which they are placed from rain and exposure; the wood has become so warped in places that the joints have opened in spite of their being dovetailed and nailed in the first instance.

I would therefore beg you to lay before the Council for their kind consideration the advisability of replacing the present wooden boxes with iron ones.

Messrs. BOYD & Co. inform me that they would be prepared to supply them of the following dimensions, 3' 4" long, 1' 4" wide, 1' deep, for the sum of twenty-eight taels two mace each (Tls. 28.2.0), which, applied to the number required, would make the total cost of the proposed alteration come to one hundred and eighty taels (Tls. 180).

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

To R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary,
Municipal Council.

E. E. PORTER.

Shanghai, 5th January 1888.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, directing attention to the condition of the wooden fire-alarm boxes provided by the Telephone Company in 1886, which, owing to exposure to the weather, have now become unfit to protect the instruments, and suggesting that they should be replaced with iron boxes, which will cost about Tls. 28 each, or Tls. 180 for the whole.

Your letter has been submitted to the Council, who in reply direct me to inform you that they approve of your suggestion, and they will be glad if you will arrange with Messrs. BOYD & Co. to supply the boxes on the terms you name, the cost of which they will defray.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

E. E. PORTER, Esq.,

China and Japan Telephone Co., Limited.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
OF THE
SHANGHAI RECREATION GROUND.

SHANGHAI, 3rd January 1888.

To the Municipal Council for the
Settlement North of the Yang-king-pang.

GENTLEMEN,

The report which I have to make to you on behalf of the Garden Committee is again a favorable one.

The weather throughout the year has been propitious for gardening purposes, and there has been a fair display both in the open garden and greenhouses of flowers in their due succession.

The Committee have to thank the Council for their prompt response to the application for an extra grant to rebuild the oldest of the greenhouses, which succumbed after an existence of 20 years, having been erected when the garden was originally made. It was hoped that its existence might be prolonged for another year, but the decrepitude of age necessitated its removal, and we have now a new house on an improved system which is already showing its advantages. A flue has also been put into the Fern Nursery, and both Ferns and Orchids seem to enjoy the warmth and moisture.

Understanding that a Chinese official has been deputed to see to the dredging of the Soochow Creek, the Committee deem it a fitting time to draw attention to the opportunity afforded of reclaiming the accretions at the garden point and adding them to our Recreation Ground. It is the opinion of the Committee that if the now rapidly increasing bank were made up with a regular sweep from the garden bridge to a starling at the mouth of the Creek, so as to train the incoming and outgoing tide away from the daily conflict with the Whangpoo, that the scour of the water would keep a clear channel without requiring to be periodically cleaned out. From the starling the sweep should return to meet the bunding at the point. The outgoing and incoming tide would then sweep the whole of the foreshore without interruption, and the eddies, which are the cause of the deposit, would be done away with. The Committee would therefore be glad if the Council can see their way to an arrangement of this nature, which, setting aside the advantages anticipated for the navigation of the creek, would add materially to the enlarging our sphere of action.

The Accounts are appended and need no explanation. The new greenhouse cost Tls. 338.00; and the Committee will be glad if the Council will include the usual allowance of Tls. 1,200.00, for the maintenance of the garden, in the forthcoming Budget.

The Committee consists of Messrs. WHITE, DUER, PRICE and CORNER, who are willing to continue their services.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

GEO. R. CORNER,

Hon. Sec., Garden Committee.

EXPENDITURE OF THE SHANGHAI RECREATION GROUND
FOR THE YEAR 1887.

Wages	...	...	...	\$682.00	Tls. 497.86
Coolie-hire and Sundries	...	...	...	64.94	47.41
Coals	...	...	...	77.70	56.72
Tools and Utensils...	...	...	...	205.08	Tls. 149.71
					14.02
					163.73
Plants and Seeds	...	...	...	107.95	78.80
					89.38
					168.18
Repairs and Alterations	...	...	...	99.36	72.53
					47.00
					119.53
Rebuilding Greenhouse	...	...	...	...	338.00
				\$ 1,237.03	Tls. 1,391.43

RESERVE GARDEN.

In compliance with the request contained in the annexed letter, the Council agreed to grant the amount required for rebuilding the old Greenhouse :

Shanghai, 19th September 1887.

DEAR SIR,—On making our usual preparations for the Winter in the Reserve Garden we find that the old greenhouse, which we hoped to have patched up to last through the season, is past all mending and will have to be rebuilt. It will cost between Tls. 300 and Tls. 400, and as our present stipend will not allow of such an outlay, the Committee will be glad if the Council will let us have the extra amount that we may begin the reconstruction at once and get it done before the winter sets in.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

GEO. R. CORNER,
Hon. Sec., Garden Committee.

A. G. WOOD. Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

PUBLIC GARDEN.

The following letter refers to the injury done to the flower-beds by children running over them :

Shanghai, 22nd February 1887.

SIR,—I am requested by the Garden Committee to bring to your notice the very serious damage that is being done to the Garden by the unrestrained gambols of the children who use it as a playground. The newly planted bulb-beds, on which we depend for our Spring Show of Hyacinths and Tulips, are being ruthlessly immolated by the unthinking crowd, and unless some prompt steps are taken to put a stop to the cause of the mischief it is hopeless to expect any tolerable display. The Committee propose to issue the accompanying notice, but unless they can secure

more constant police supervision they fear that it will be of little avail. Special notices are posted at every entrance of the Garden, but no one seems to read them, and it is quite impossible for us to keep custodians with the very limited means at our disposal.

I should be glad if you would bring the matter to the notice of the Council at their next meeting; perhaps the publishing it in the minutes would bring it more effectively to the notice of the Public and bring about a better supervision of the crowd of children who frequent the Garden.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. R. CORNER,
Hon. Sec., Garden Committee.

NOTICE.

Owing to the wanton mischief done to the newly planted bulb-beds in the Recreation Garden, the Committee regret that they have been compelled to give instructions to the Police to immediately remove anyone transgressing the Garden Regulations as posted at each of the entrance gates or doing anything calculated to injure the plants and beds.

GEO. R. CORNER,
Hon. Sec., Garden Committee.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

SHANGHAI, 5th January 1888.

To the WORKS COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to hand you report of the proceedings of this department for the year ending the 31st December 1887.

BRIDGES.—A Malava hardwood bridge, 17 feet wide, has been erected across the Soochow Creek at the end of the Chekiang Road.

A new hardwood bridge, 31 feet in width, has been constructed across the Yangtze-poo Creek; the approaches on both sides of the bridge have been improved and protected by wooden railings.

The Ningpo Road bridge across the Defence Creek has been widened and thoroughly repaired.

An iron bridge is being built by the French Municipal Council over the Yang-king-pang to connect the Yunnan Road with the Rue Palikao.

The bridges over the Defence, Hongkew, Soochow and Yang-king-pang Creeks have been painted and generally repaired.

BUILDINGS.—Two cells have been erected in the Hongkew Station yard for the accommodation of beggars.

The bell-tower at the Central Station has been painted and repaired.

Various alterations and repairs have been made to the different Police Stations, employés' quarters, and other Municipal buildings.

BUNDINGS.—About twenty-three chang of hardwood bunding has been constructed to the Sungkiang Road, between Kiangse and

Szechuen Roads, to replace the old stone bunding built in 1862, which failed in the early part of the year.

Repairs have been made to the whole of the hardwood bunding to the Sungkiang Road, between Yunnan and Shantung Roads; and to the Fearon Road, between Broadway and Seward Roads. An iron railing has been fixed to the Fearon Road bunding.

A portion of the stone bunding to the Sungkiang Road, between Szechuen and Yangtsze Roads, is being re-constructed.

A hardwood bunding and landing-stage has been erected at the end of the Taiping Road.

CEMETERIES.—Two new sections, M. and N., containing 300 and 270 grave spaces respectively, have been laid out in the New Cemetery. The ground has been turfed, and the paths bricked and sanded, and drained.

The Watchman's Lodge at the Pootung Cemetery has been rebuilt and the Inquest Room repaired.

The Chapels and Lodges in the New and Shantung Road Cemeteries have been repaired, painted, etc.

The New, Pootung, Shantung Road and Soldiers' Cemeteries, as well as the Cathedral Compound, have been kept in good order.

CEMETERIES.—The following statement shows the burials in the New and Pootung Cemeteries from 1st January to 31st December 1887, as compared with preceding years:—

	1ST QUARTER. <i>Jan., Feb. & Mar.</i>					2ND QUARTER. <i>April, May & June.</i>					3RD QUARTER. <i>July, Aug. & Sept.</i>					4TH QUARTER. <i>Oct., Nov. & Dec.</i>					Grand Total.
	Men.	Women.	Children.		Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.		Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.		Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.		Total.	
			Male.	Female.				Male.	Female.				Male.	Female.				Male.	Female.		
1868	Commencing from 27th June.					...	1	...	...	1	4	2	2	1	9	5	...	...	...	5	15
1869	7	1	1	...	9	2	...	...	1	3	12	2	4	1	19	6	4	2	...	12	43
1870	4	...	1	2	7	5	1	...	...	6	3	2	3	1	9	5	2	...	1	8	30
1871	5	1	...	...	6	2	1	...	...	3	6	...	2	5	13	8	2	...	2	12	34
1872	3	1	...	...	4	6	1	...	1	8	11	...	1	...	12	5	1	...	1	7	31
1873	12	1	...	...	13	5	2	1	...	8	5	1	1	...	7	7	2	2	...	11	39
1874	9	1	2	...	12	3	...	3	...	6	14	5	1	4	24	10	...	3	1	14	56
1875	5	2	3	...	10	6	1	...	...	7	10	...	1	1	12	14	2	1	...	17	46

1876	7	...	1	3	11	12	...	1	1	14	18	2	1	1	22	14	1	2	...	17	64
1877	15	...	1	...	16	12	...	...	1	13	25	1	2	2	30	18	3	3	1	25	84
1878	14	1	...	...	15	13	2	2	1	18	29	1	2	5	37	18	4	4	...	26	96
1879	6	...	1	2	9	15	...	3	3	21	21	3	5	2	31	13	1	2	3	19	80
1880	10	1	1	...	12	13	2	2	...	17	10	2	1	2	15	17	3	2	1	23	67
1881	14	3	1	2	20	8	3	2	2	15	22	9	3	5	39	23	9	...	1	33	107
1882	11	2	1	...	14	13	2	2	5	22	17	4	5	1	27	18	7	3	2	30	93
1883	19	5	4	4	32	17	2	2	1	22	46	6	2	1	55	14	2	3	2	21	130
1884	12	2	5	3	22	10	1	2	...	13	15	...	2	5	22	14	2	2	1	19	76
1885	13	2	6	2	23	6	3	1	4	14	20	4	...	7	31	24	4	1	...	29	97
1886	12	3	6	4	25	14	5	4	1	24	26	6	...	1	33	27	6	4	6	43	125
1887	12	3	3	4	22	10	2	3	1	16	36	9	3	8	56	21	2	2	3	28	122

CREEKS.—The Yang-king-pang has been cleaned and deepened, by the French Municipal Council.

The permission given to contractors to take mud from the Defence Creek during the past year was extensively availed of, and several portions of low ground in the neighbourhood have been raised.

DRAINAGE.—In extension of the drainage system of Hongkew brick drains have been constructed in the following roads:—

Broadway,—Across foreshore Whangpoo Road.

Broadway,—Between Dent and Kung-ping Roads.

Chapoo Road,—Between North Soochow and Woochang Roads.

Kung-ping Road,—Between Seward Road and Whangpoo River.

Seward Road,—Between Chaou-foong and Kung-ping Roads.

Tiendong Road,—Between North Szechuen and Chapoo Roads.

9" drain pipes have been laid in place of the old 6" drain pipes in the Hankow and Kiukiang Roads, between Shansi and Fuhkien Roads.

Iron gratings, frames and covers have been substituted for the old brick and stone covers to the sinks on the Yangtze Road.

Additional sinks have been built during the past year, and necessary alterations and repairs made where desirable.

The following schedules show where brick and pipe drains have been laid during the past year with the sizes, gradients, etc.

BRICK

Settlement.	Roads.	Portion.	Length in feet.	Size.	Shape.
Hongkew	Broadway...	Across foreshore	111	2.3 × 1.6	Egg
"	"	Between Dent and Kung- ping Roads	530	2.3 × 1.6	"
"	Chapoo ...	Between North Soochow and Woochang Roads	1,040	3.0 × 2.0	"
"	Kung-ping .	Between Seward Road and Whangpoo River	1,375	3.0 × 2.0	"
"	Seward ...	Between Chaou-foong and Kung-ping Roads	1,158	2.3 × 1.6	"
"	Tiendong ...	Between Chapoo and North Szechuen Roads	710	2.3 × 1.6	"
			4,924		

PIPE

Settlement.	Roads.	Portion.	12-inch.		9-inch.	
			Pipes.	Bends.	Pipes.	Bends.
English	Canton ...	Near Honan Road	...	...	...	...
"	Chekiang ...	Through bridge bunding ...	3	...	...	...
"	Chihli ...	...	...	...	...	...
"	Foochow ...	...	...	...	...	...
"	Hankow ...	Near Shansi Road	...	...	28	4
"	Kiangsi ...	Near Nankin Road	...	...	...	...
"	Kiukiang ...	Between Shansi and Fuh- kien Roads	...	...	84	6
"	Kwangse ...	...	...	...	...	...
"	Nankin ...	Near Kiangse Road	...	...	...	...
"	Pakhoi ...	...	...	...	...	...
"	Pekin ...	Near Defence Road	...	...	...	...
"	Sungkiang...	Near Kiangse Road	...	...	...	...
"	Yangtze ...	Near Canton Road	...	...	...	...
"	Municipal Buildings.	...	...	...	...	...
Hongkew	Broadway ...	Near Ming-hong Road ...	...	...	...	...
"	"	Between Dent and Kung- ping Roads	...	...	...	...
"	Chapoo ...	Between North Soochow and Woochang Roads	...	...	...	...
"	Dixwell ...	Near Broadway	...	...	...	...
<i>Carried forward</i> ..			3	...	112	10

DRAINS.

Average Gradient.	Where Discharge.	Number of		Plan.
		M.-holes.	Sinks.	
1 in 480	Soochow Creek	—	—	D 70
1 " 320	Kung-ping Road sewer	4	8	D 88
1 " 480	Soochow Creek	13	18	D 112
1 " 480	Whangpoo River	14	24	D 119
1 " 480	Kung-ping Road sewer	10	21	D 119
{ 1 " 320 1 " 240	North Szechuen and Chapoo Road sewers	6	10	D 107
		47	81	

DRAINS.

6-inch.		4-inch.		Average Gradient.	Number of		Where Discharge.	Plan.
Pipes.	Bends.	Pipes.	Bends.		M.-hls.	Sinks.		
8	3	...	...	240 to 480	...	...	Sink Connection.	D 130
...	...	"	...	"	...	...	Soochow Creek.	"
1	...	...	...	"	...	...	Sink Connection.	"
1	...	...	...	"	...	...	"	"
2	...	...	...	"	...	...	Fuhkien Road sewer.	"
10	...	...	..	"	...	3	Sink Connection.	"
...	1	...	...	"	...	...	Fuhkien Road sewer.	"
2	...	...	...	"	...	...	Sink Connection.	"
7	...	...	...	"	...	1	"	"
1	...	...	...	"	...	...	"	"
19	...	...	...	"	...	3	"	"
5	...	...	...	"	...	...	"	"
15	12	...	1	"	...	1	"	"
...	...	8	1	"	...	1	"	—
4	...	...	...	"	...	...	"	D 131
71	...	...	...	"	...	...	"	"
110	...	...	...	"	...	...	"	"
7	...	...	...	"	...	...	"	"
263	16	8	2		...	9		

PIPE

Settlement.	Roads.	Portion.	12-inch.		9-inch.	
			Pipes.	Bends.	Pipes.	Bends.
Hongkew	Kung-ping...	<i>Brought forward...</i>	3	...	112	10
		Between Seward Road and Whangpoo River ...	...	...	...	...
	Seward ...	Between Chaou-loong and Kung-ping Roads ...	...	...	...	...
	Sin-kei-pang	North of Broadway ...	230	...	...	...
	North Honan	North of Tiendong Road ...	80	3	...	...
	Talping ...	Near Whangpoo River ...	...	...	...	...
	Tiendong ...	Between North Szechuen and Chapoo Roads ...	...	...	...	...
	Whangpoo...	Across foreshore ...	18	...	...	...
Outside Roads.	Woosung ...	Near Hanbury Road ...	...	...	...	...
	Bubbling W.	Near Skew bridge ...	...	...	8	...
	New Cemetery.	Between Defence Creek and New Cemetery ...	1,259	47	...	...
	Yangtze-poo New Cemetery.	Near Waterworks Sections M. and N. ...	...	...	84	8
			1,590	50	204	18

Total Number of drain-pipes

DRAINS.

6-inch.		4-inch.		Average Gradient.	Number of		Where Discharge.	Plan.
Pipes.	Bends.	Pipes.	Bends.		M.-hls.	Sinks.		
263	16	8	2		...	9		
162	...	...	...	240 to 480	...	...	Sink Connection.	D 131
182	...	...	...	"	...	...	"	"
62	...	...	...	"	5	8	"	"
...	...	...	...	"	...	...	"	"
14	...	...	...	"	...	2	"	"
88	...	...	...	"	...	...	"	"
...	...	...	...	"	...	...	Soochow Creek.	"
7	...	...	...	"	...	1	Sink Connection.	"
28	...	...	...	"	...	2	"	—
157	...	...	...	"	15	46	Defence and Nan-	—
20	...	...	...	"	...	1	chang-pang Creeks	—
...	5	58	...	"	...	14	Sink Connection.	—
983	21	66	2		20	83		

laid : 2,934 or 5,868.
Feet.

FORESHORE.—The Soochow Road foreshore, between Kiangse and Honan Roads, has been graded.

The foreshore in front of the Yangtsze Road has been kept in order, the grass cut and weeded, and the wooden stanchions repaired and painted.

LANDING ACCOMMODATION.—Iron bridges have been constructed to the pontoons at Canton, Hankow and Peking Roads; in front of Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.'s and the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s premises.

A new landing-stage has been built in front of the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s premises; and wooden gates and railing have been erected to the jetty.

Hardwood jetties have been constructed in front of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.'s premises, and at the end of the Astor Road.

Two new jetties have been constructed on the North Soochow Road; and another to the Fearon Road, between Broadway and Seward Roads.

New dolphins have been fixed to the Peking, Hankow and Canton Road jetties.

General repairs have been made to the jetties and landing-stages in both Settlements.

MARKET LOT.—The public sheds on the Market Lot have been painted and the roofs repaired, etc.

PUBLIC GARDEN.—The lodges and boundary walls in the Public and Nursery Gardens have been repaired and coloured.

The band house, entrance gates, seats and lamp pillars have been painted. The paths and slope have been periodically repaired.

RIFLE BUTTS.—A new movable iron target (running man) has been fixed at the Butts; and the mantlets have been repaired.

The range and firing mounds have been kept in order.

ROADS.—A pond situated near the North Szechuen Road has been filled in with mud to abate a nuisance.

A small drinking fountain has been fixed for the convenience of the public in the wall of the Public Garden near the main entrance.

The foot-path in front of Messrs. ALFRED DENT & Co.'s premises, Yangtsze Road, has been laid with concrete.

The following roads have been raised, bricked and sanded, chip-paved, curbed and side-channelled, and metalled.

RAISED.

Kung-ping Road,—From Broadway to Seward Road.

New Road,—North of Seward Road, near Hwa-kee Road.

Seward Road,—From Chaou-foong to Kung-ping Road.

BRICKED AND SANDED.

New Road,—North of Seward Road, near Hwa-kee Road.

Seward Road,—From Hwa-kee to Chaou-foong Road.

CHIP-PAVED.

Broadway,—Footpaths, from Kee-cheong to Chaou-foong Road.

Canton Road,—Footpath, south side, from Defence to Kwangse Road.

Fearon Road,—From Broadway to Seward Road.

Foochow Road,—Footpaths, from Defence to Kwangse Road.

Kiangse Road,—Footpath, west side, from Kiukiang to Nankin Road.

Kiukiang Road,—Footpath, north side, from Honan to Kiangse Road.

Kwangse Road,—Footpaths, from Canton to Swatow Road.

Kwangse Road,—Footpaths, from Foochow to Hankow Road.

Kweichow Road,—Footpaths, from Pekin to Amoy Road.

Nanxing Road,—Footpath, west side, from Broadway to Seward Road.

Newchwang Road,—Footpaths, from Kweichow to Lloyd Road.

Pakhoi Road,—Footpaths, from Defence to Yunnan Road.

Pakhoi Road,—Footpath, north side, from Kwangse to Yunnan Road.

Pekin Road,—Footpaths, from Honan to Kiangse Road.

Pekin Road,—Footpath, north side, from Museum to Szechuen Road.

Seward Road,—Footpaths, from Broadway to Woochang Road.

Tientsin Road,—Footpaths, from Chekiang to Kwei-chow Road.

Yuen-fong Road,—Footpaths, from Broadway to Seward Road.
Yunnan Road,—Footpaths, from Pakhoi to Sungkiang Road.

CURBED AND SIDE-CHANNELLED.

Canton Road,—From Chekiang to Defence Road.
Fearon Road,—Between Broadway and Seward Roads, west side.
Foochow Road,—From Defence to Yunnan Road.
Hankow Road,—From Defence to Yunnan Road.
Kung-ping Road,—From Broadway to Whangpoo River.
Kweichow Road,—From Amoy to Pekin Road.
North Honan Road,—From North Soochow to Tiendong Road.
North Soochow Road,—In front of General Hospital, north side.
Pakhoi Road,—From Defence to Yunnan Road.
Quinsan Road,—South side.
Seward Road,—From Chaou-foong to Hwa-kee Road.
Taiiping Road,—From Broadway to Whangpoo River.
Tientsin Road,—From Chekiang to Kweichow Road.
Woosung Road,—From Hanbury to Quinsan Road.
Yunnan Road,—From Pakhoi to Sungkiang Road.

METALLED.

Boone Road,—From Broadway to Woosung Road.
Canton Road,—From Defence to Kwangse Road.
Canton Road,—From Honan to Kiangse Road.
Chefoo Road,—From Chekiang to Defence Road.
Chekiang Road,—From Amoy to Nankin Road.
Dixwell Road,—South of Broadway.
Fearon Road,—From Broadway to North Yangtze Road.
Hankow Road,—From Yunnan to Defence Road.
Kiangse Road,—From Ningpo to Nankin Road.
Kung-ping Road,—From Broadway to Whangpoo River.
Kweichow Road,—From Pekin to Tientsin Road.
Lloyd Road,—From Chefoo to Nankin Road.
Miller Road,—From Boone to Minghong Road.
Minghong Road,—From North Yangtze to Woosung Road.

Nanxing Road,—From North Yangtsze to Seward Road.

North Szechuen Road,—North of Tiendong Road.

Pakhoi Road,—From Defence to Yunnan Road.

Pekin Road,—From Honan to Yangtsze Road.

Seward Road,—From Chaou-foong to Hwa-kee Road.

Taiping Road,—From Broadway to Whangpoo River.

Tsingpoo Road,—From Broadway to Whangpoo Road.

Whangpoo Road,—From Tiendong to Tsingpoo Road.

Woosung Road,—From Hanbury to north of Quinsan Road.

Yunnan Road,—From Pakhoi to Sungkiang Road.

The roads, foot-paths, chip-paving, curbs and side-channels have been kept in repair.

The following roads have been *widened*:—

Foochow Road,—Between Chekiang and Kwangse Roads, north side; Property of E. E. SASSOON, Esq., Lot 967, T. D. 961, Area 0m. 1f. 6l. 4h.

Nankin Road,—North side, corner of Kiangse Road; and Kiangse Road, west side, corner of Nankin Road; Property of E. IVESON, Esq., Lot 1117, T. D. 1110, Area 0m. 1f. 8l. 9¼h.

Tiendong Road,—Between Woosung and Seward Roads; and Seward Road, between Broadway and Tiendong Roads; Property of D. A. SASSOON, Esq., Lot 221, T. D. 214, Area 0m. 6f. 7l. 1h.

A new road, running north from the Seward Road (east of Hwa-kee Road) to the Sin-kei-pang, has been surrendered by Messrs. MORRISON & GRATTON to the public; T. D. 445, 446 and 502 (U. S. C.), Area 2m. 4f. 5l. 0h.

The table below shows that little progress has been made in the extension, etc., of roads named in pages 137 and 138 of Report for 1886.

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| 1. The Taiwan Road east to Shansi Road. | Not yet arranged, no opportunity offering. |
| 2. Continuing Amoy Road in an easterly direction to join the Fuh-kien Road. | Nothing further has been done. |

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| 3. Widening Kiukiang Road, between Hoopoh and Fuhkien Roads. | Arrangements have been made to acquire from Messrs. Iveson & Co., in March next, a small strip of land between the Hoopoh and Fuhkien Roads, which will widen the Kiukiang Road at that point to 30 feet. |
| 4. Widening and connecting Woosieh Road with the Shanse and Fuhkien Roads. | Not yet arranged, no opportunity offering. |
| 5. Connecting the Loong-see-yuen Alley, from Nankin to Ningpo Road. | Ditto. |
| 6. Continuing the Yangtszepoo Road. | Nothing further has been done. |
| 7. Roads to define boundaries of Hongkew. | Ditto. |
| 8. Widening Ningpo Road to 30 ft., between Shansi and Fuhkien Roads. | Ditto. |
| 9. Extension of Shantung Road from Nankin to Ningpo Road. | Not yet arranged, no opportunity offering. |
| 10. Extension of Woo-foo-loong from Soochow Creek to Nankin Road. | Nothing further has been done. |
| 11. Seward Road and two other Roads parallel to Broadway, from Hongkew Creek to Dent Road. | The Seward Road has been continued beyond the Kung-ping Road; no further action has been taken with reference to the other roads. |

12. To continue in a northerly direction to Seward Road the Taiping, Kee-cheong, and two other roads. Negotiations have been made to the owners of properties in line of the proposed Taiping Road, but nothing definite has been arrived at. The other roads are still in abeyance.

OUTSIDE ROADS.—A hardwood bridge and bunding have been erected on the Bubbling Well Road, near the Sia-jow Road.

New hardwood bunding has been constructed to the New Cemetery Road, opposite the Race Course.

The breakwaters in the Soochow Creek at the termination of the Jessfield Road have been repaired.

The railings, etc., of the different bridges and culverts have been repaired and painted.

The Bubbling Well, Carter, Jessfield, Markham, Sinza and Yangtze-poo Roads have been metalled or repaired as required.

The trees on the Bubbling Well, Carter, Markham, Sinza and Cross Roads have been pruned; and dead trees replaced by new ones transplanted from the Nursery at the New Cemetery. Additional trees have been planted on the Outside Roads; and several old trees have been removed on the Bubbling Well Road to improve the side-walk.

The New Cemetery Road is being drained, curbed and side-channelled and metalled.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C. B. CLARK,

Surveyor.

To A. G. WOOD, Esq. }

D. A. DARLING, Esq. }

YEEND DUER, Esq. }

GENERAL.

COURT OF CONSULS.

The Consular Representatives of Germany, Great Britain, and the United States, were delegated by the Members of the Consular Body to act as Judges in the Court of Consuls for 1887.

(NEW MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS.

No official information has been received by the Council this year as to what has been done at Peking about the confirmation of the New Municipal Regulations and By-laws, but they understand that they continue to have the attention of the Foreign Ministers there.

HER MAJESTY'S JUBILEE.

Tuesday, the 21st June, having been appointed for the celebration of the Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen of England and Empress of India, the official ceremonies took place on that day, but owing to the continued wet weather the illuminations, etc., were postponed until Saturday, the 25th June, when they passed off in the most satisfactory manner and without the slightest mishap.

At the Meeting of the Council on the 27th June, the following Resolution was unanimously agreed to :

"That the thanks of the Council be given to Captain MCEUEN, the Inspectors, Sergeants, and Members of the Police Force, for the efficient arrangements made, and carried out for the preservation of order during the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.

MEDICAL EDUCATION OF CHINESE.

In June last, at the request of Dr. LITTLE, the Council agreed to allow the use of the Municipal Board Room for the examination of Mr. GOH KIT MOH, a native of Penang, and a student of medicine under Dr. WYKEHAM MYERS at the David Manson Memorial Hospital, Formosa, and on the termination of his examination, which he passed most satisfactorily, the Chairman of the Council undertook the public presentation to him of his certificate.

Shanghai, 18th July 1887.

DEAR SIR,—You were good enough to allow the examination of a student of the David Manson Memorial Hospital to be held in the Municipal Council Board Room. The examination has terminated quite satisfactorily, and on behalf of my colleagues and myself I have to ask you to add to your kindness by presenting his certificate to the successful student publicly at such time as may be convenient to you and the Council.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

L. S. LITTLE.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.

The ceremony took place in the Board Room on the 23rd July, in the presence of the British and American Consuls-General, the Chief Justice, the Consuls for France and Denmark, the Taotai, the Members of the Municipal Council, and a large number of residents.

When presenting the certificate, Mr. WOOD mentioned that Mr. KIT MOH's examination, which was conducted by the different members of the medical profession, extended over five days, and that he had obtained the large number of 73 marks out of a possible 100.

Dr. MYERS gave an interesting account of the Memorial Hospital, and explained that all students applying there for instruction must have had a foreign education and be able to speak some foreign language.

The course of study includes Anatomy, Elementary Surgery, Physiology and Chemistry. Two examining Boards composed of the most eminent medical men of all nationalities have been formed, one in Hongkong and one in Shanghai, and students at the Hospital must pass their primary examination before one, and their final examination before the other, after which they will obtain their degrees.

Shanghai, 29th July 1887.

SIR,—I have the honour to beg that you will accept for yourself, and convey to the members of the Municipal Council, my most sincere and hearty thanks for the kindness you and they have shown towards me, and my students, in regard to the scheme for the medical education of Chinese in China.

No one appreciates more than we do the benefits and goodness of such sympathetic support as has been vouchsafed in Shanghai, and I can assure you our gratitude is in full keeping with the generous consideration calling it forth.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. WYKEHAM MYERS,
*Hon. Surgeon and Instructor,
D.M.M. Hosp. and Med. School.*

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

CHINESE SEARCH OFFICE.

In July last the Captain-Superintendent of Police reported to the Council that an office had been opened at 621, Foochow road, under charge of a mandarin with the rank of Che Hsien, who informed him that he was empowered by the Taotai to seize Saltpetre, Sulphur, and all kinds of munitions of war smuggled into the Settlement, in order to prevent them from getting into the hands of evil-disposed persons.

The Council addressed the Senior Consul pointing out the inconvenience which might be caused by the establishment of such an office in the Settlement, and requesting him to ask the Taotai to have it closed.

This request was referred to the Consular Body for consideration, who decided that the Taotai should be addressed on the subject, and soon afterwards he gave instruction to the officer in charge to remove the Search Office outside the limits of the Settlement. Annexed is the correspondence on the subject:

Shanghai, 2nd August 1887.

SIR,—The Captain-Superintendent of Police reports to the Council that an office has been opened at No. 621, Foochow road, reported to be under the charge of a Mandarin with the rank of a Che-hsien, who is empowered by the Che-hsien of Shanghai to seize smuggled Opium, Sulphur, and Fire-arms.

Twelve runners are attached to this establishment, who have had tickets issued to them by the officer in charge of it, authorizing them to search for smuggled Saltpetre, Sulphur, and war materials, and to arrest the persons found in possession of them.

It will no doubt be obvious to you that the opening of such an establishment here may easily lead to a conflict of authority, and may seriously affect the peace and good order of the Settlement. I have therefore the honour to request that you will represent this to the Taotai and ask him to order the office in Foochow road to be closed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,

Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,

H.B.M. Consul-General and
Senior Consul.

H.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 8th August 1887.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, in which you request me to represent to the Taotai the inconvenience which may result from the establishment in the Foochow road of a Chinese official with a staff of runners who are empowered to seize smuggled Opium, Sulphur and Fire-arms, and you invite me to ask the Taotai to order the office to be closed.

In reply I beg to inform you that the subject had already attracted my attention, and that in letters which I addressed to the Taotai I pointed out to him the difficulties which are certain to be produced by the existence of such an establishment.

At a Meeting of the Consular Body held to-day your letter was considered, and in accordance with the decision at which we arrived I am about to write officially to the Taotai in the sense desired by the Council.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
*H.B.M. Consul-General
and Senior Consul.*

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

H.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 9th August 1887.

SIR.—With reference to my letter of yesterday relative to the establishment in the Foochow road of an officer with a staff of runners for the purpose of seizing contraband munitions of war and other goods, I have now the pleasure to state that I have just received a letter from the Taotai in which he informs me that he has instructed the officer in question to remove his Search Office beyond the limits of the Settlement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
*H.B.M. Consul-General
and Senior Consul.*

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 9th August 1887.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 8th and 9th instant, regarding the establishment of a Chinese official in Foochow road with a set of runners who are empowered to seize smuggled Opium, Sulphur and Fire-arms, and I have now, on behalf of the Council, to thank you and the other Members of the Consular Body for having got the Taotai to instruct the officer in question to remove the Search Office beyond the limits of the Settlement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,

Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,

H.B.M.'s Consul-General
and Senior Consul.

CASE OF TSAO SI-YUNG.

In May last the attention of the Council was directed to the case of Tsao Si-yung, who had then been in prison for upwards of three years, and about whom nothing had been heard since the correspondence in October and November 1886, between the Senior Consul and the Council for that year.

From a statement which was then drawn up it appeared that, since his imprisonment in July 1883, Si-yung had received from the Council, on account of his monthly pay, about \$710, and \$160 had been paid to his mother in order to facilitate his release from prison.

As it seemed very probable that so long as Si-yung continued to receive monthly pay there was not much chance of his being released, it was decided that after the end of the month the payments to him should cease, and that a letter should be written to the Senior Consul informing him of this decision, and requesting him to ascertain from the Taotai what sentence had been passed on Si-yung, and whether he was likely to be released at an early date.

The following is the letter to the Senior Consul and his reply :

Shanghai, 19th May 1887.

SIR,—On the 15th October last, I had the honor to address the then Senior Consul, D. E. Kraetzer, Esq., Consul-General for France, requesting him to endeavor to obtain the release on bail of Tsao Si-yung, the Municipal Constable who has been imprisoned since July 1883.

On the 30th November, Mr. Kraetzer informed me that he had written to the Taotai, who replied that he had brought the case of Si-yung to the notice of the Che Hsien, and that on receiving his report he would let the Senior Consul know the result, but since then nothing has been heard of Si-yung.

I have now the honor to beg that you will endeavor to obtain from the Taotai some definite information about the sentence passed on Si-yung, and if there is any probability of his being released at an early date.

Since the date of his imprisonment in July 1883 till now the Council have paid to Si-yung his usual wages of \$16.50 per month, or about Tls. 530, in addition to which they have paid to his mother \$160 in order to facilitate his release, making in all about Tls. 650, and as they are under the impression that so long as his wages are paid there is not much chance of his being released from prison, they have decided to make no further payments to him after this month.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,

Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M. Consul-General
and Senior Consul.

H.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 1st June 1887.

SIR,—In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 19th May, I wrote to the Taotai for some definite information about Tsao Si-yung, and enquired whether there was any probability of his early release.

The Taotai's reply was to the effect that the District Magistrate had been directed to give his attention to the matter.

At a personal interview, however, the Taotai gave me to understand that the capital sentence which had been pronounced upon Tsao Si-yung had been in effect remitted, but that his release could not be allowed, even on bail, until formal instructions had been received from Peking.

I expect to hear further from the Taotai at an early date, with I trust more complete and satisfactory information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,

*H.B.M. Consul-General and
Senior Consul.*

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Nothing further was heard about Si-yung until the 7th September, when he made his appearance at the Central Station and informed the Captain-Superintendent of Police that he had been released from prison the previous day, and stated that he now wished to know what the Council intended to do for him.

The question was referred to the Watch Committee for consideration, who drew up the following minute about Si-yung's case, which was submitted to, and approved of by the Council:

The Watch Committee met on Tuesday afternoon to consider the case of Tsao Si-yung, but he was not in attendance and the meeting was adjourned. He had been told that his case would be considered by the Council on Monday, and it was understood that he would call at the Police Station on Tuesday, but he did not do so, and all attempts to find him from early on Tuesday morning till the present time (Thursday afternoon) have failed.

In his absence a full report cannot be drawn up, but the Committee submit the following preliminary minute.

It will be remembered that Tsao Si-yung, a member of the Municipal Police Force, was charged in July 1883 by the native authorities before the Mixed Court, with murder. His case was heard and the Mixed Court Magistrate, with the approval of the British Assessor, sent him into the City. The Council, considering

The only evidence before the Committee as to his treatment in prison is to the effect that it was not unusually severe. The irons on his legs were padded, and Sergeant Keeling saw him take them off. His handcuffs also could be taken off and on, and the native detective has seen him put them on to appear before the Magistrate. It would appear therefore that the authorities, though bound to keep him in irons, did not wish to make him more uncomfortable than necessary. On this point however the Committee cannot say much, as their evidence is very meagre.

In addition to the above-mentioned sum of \$132, to which Tsao Si-yung is entitled under any circumstances, the Committee feel inclined to recommend that a final gratuity of \$200 be paid to him, and that he be not further employed.

They recommend however that nothing be done before Tsao Si-yung has attended a Meeting of the Committee. They will try to arrange a Meeting as soon as he can be found and will then make a final report on the matter.

Shanghai, 15th September 1887.

On the 26th September Si-yung attended at a Meeting of the Watch Committee, when he was informed what the Council intended doing for him, and a few days afterwards he called at the Council Room to say that he was quite satisfied with the proposed arrangement, on which a cheque for the amount was handed to him.

ADDITIONAL PRISON ACCOMMODATION.

H.B.M.'s Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 28th November 1887.

SIR,—I beg to enclose copy of a report which I have received from Mr. Carles, Her Majesty's Vice-Consul, and Assessor in the Mixed Court, on the subject of the present arrangements for the confinement of native prisoners, and of the necessity of providing proper Gaol accommodation, if these prisoners are still to be confided to the care of the Council.

The questions to which Mr. Carles refers are most important, and I venture to recommend his letter to your serious consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
Consul-General.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

[*Copy.*]

H.B.M.'s Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 24th November 1887.

SIR,—I have the honour to invite your attention to the need, which year by year becomes more pressing, of a Gaol for Chinese prisoners.

At present there are but two places in this Settlement in which Chinese sentenced to imprisonment can be confined, and neither of these can be considered to be a Gaol fitted for the reception of prisoners under long sentence, or imprisonment in which is likely to deter habitual prisoners from crime.

At the Hongkew Police Station there are six cells for Chinese prisoners, capable of holding about 12 men each, and at the Mixed Court a portion of the Magistrate's *yamen* is set apart for the detention of thieves and debtors. But the two places are quite inadequate for present needs, over 90 prisoners having recently been confined in the Hongkew Police Station, and the Magistrate's quarters frequently being full to excess.

The results of this over-crowding are many: (1) It is impossible in grave cases to inflict adequate sentences, for the prisons would be over-stocked; (2) It is impossible to confine bullies and men of savage and brutal dispositions apart from the rest, or to make any distinctions between the treatment in prison of first offenders and habitual criminals; (3) Extortion and bullying are common in the prisons; (4) The danger of contagious diseases, such as cholera, establishing themselves in the prisons, is a source of constant anxiety.

In view of the fact that as Assessor at the Mixed Court, it is constantly my duty to urge the Magistrate to inflict the punishment of imprisonment, in lieu of Chinese punishments, which to our minds are barbarous, it seems to me likewise my

duty to point out that at present no adequate provision is made for carrying out sentences of imprisonment, and that such provision is urgently needed. To send prisoners from the Mixed Court into the city is, as you are aware, to expose them to barbarities against which we have no opportunity of protesting, until after the event.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) W. R. CARLES,
*British Assessor
at the Mixed Court.*

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General,
Shanghai.

Shanghai, 2nd December 1887.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo inclosing copy of a report from Mr. Carles, H.B.M. Vice-Consul and Assessor at the Mixed Court, directing your attention to the want of accommodation at present for the confinement of native prisoners, and pointing out how urgently necessary it is that the Council should provide a proper gaol for the reception of natives sentenced to long periods of imprisonment.

In reply I beg to say that your letter and Mr. Carles' report have been submitted to the Council and will receive their careful consideration; in the meantime I may mention that besides the six cells at the Hongkew Station there are four cells at the Central Station, and arrangements have now been made for building a new Station at the back of the Racquet Court, where additional cells will be provided, so that at the three Stations there will be accommodation for about 130 prisoners.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M. Consul-General and
Senior Consul.

WATER FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.

The arbitrators appointed in 1886 having decided that by the agreement made with the Water Works Company in 1880 the quantity of Water for Municipal Purposes to which the Council are entitled is limited to 150,000 gallons per day, and that for any water used in excess of that quantity an additional payment must be made, a register has been kept of the water used each day throughout this year.

The annexed return gives the number of gallons of water used each month, (assuming that the carts employed for watering roads contain 210 gallons each, and that the quantity of water used for all other Municipal purposes, except extinguishing fires, is 45,000 gallons per day), and the quantity paid for, (including the excess over 150,000 gallons per day, and the quantity used for fires):—

RETURN OF WATER USED AND PAID FOR DURING THE YEAR, allowing 210 gallons per Cart for Watering Roads and 45,000 gallons per day for other purposes, exclusive of Fires:—

—	No. of Gallons used.	No. of Gallons paid for.	Excess paid for.
January	1,647,000	4,680,000	3,033,000
February	1,865,000	4,200,000	2,335,000
March	2,995,000	4,650,000	1,655,000
April	4,317,000	4,967,000	650,000
May	4,112,000	5,057,000	945,000
June	2,407,000	4,628,000	2,221,000
July	4,191,000	5,287,000	1,046,000
August	5,264,000	5,486,000	222,000
September	2,799,000	4,118,000	1,319,000
October	3,781,000	4,685,000	904,000
November	3,273,000	4,852,000	1,579,000
December	3,236,000	5,220,000	1,984,000
	39,887,000	57,780,000	17,893,000
Used for Watering Roads:			Gallons.
Carts, at 210 galls. each cart ...		105,530 =	22,161,000
Other purposes, 45,000 galls. p. day		...	16,425,000
Fires		...	1,301,000
			39,887,000

WATER-SUPPLY.

A difference of opinion having arisen between a resident in the Settlement and the Water Works Company about the supply of water to which he is entitled in return for a payment of 5 per cent on the rental of his house, an appeal was made by him to the Council, who gave it as their opinion that a payment of 5 per cent on his rental entitles a resident to all the water he requires for ordinary domestic purposes, but the Water Works Company, whilst admitting that this is correct, claim that the quantity of water used for domestic purposes must not exceed 20 gallons per day by each foreign occupant of the house, and 5 gallons by each native servant.

The following is some of the correspondence on the subject, but the question is still under discussion.

Shanghai, 12th October 1887.

DEAR SIR,—Under the 15th of August you were kind enough to let me know that there—in the agreement between the Municipal Council and the Waterworks Co.—was a clause fixing the maximum charge of water for domestic purposes at 5% on the rental.

Notwithstanding this clear clause the Waterworks Co. has for a long time charged me 10% on my rental, and obstinately refuses to abate this charge. Their main argument is, that for a charge of 5%, they are only obliged to supply 20 gallons for foreign adult and 5 gallons for native servant a day, but they entirely fail to show any authority for this restriction. They sent to me the enclosed two forms of contract, which, as they say, have been approved of by the Municipal Council and have been in use from the time they commenced to supply water. Very possible; but, as you will see, the contracts contain nothing whatever as to the percentage of rental, and I suppose, that when the Municipal Council approved of the forms, it was understood, that the charges should not exceed the 5%.

They now threaten to cut off my water supply, if I will not submit to their—it seems to me—illegal charge of 10% of my rental.

Please say, if the agreement has become a dead letter, or else by what means the Waterworks Co. can be forced to observe the clauses therein contained?

As I should like to have this very disagreeable case settled as soon as possible, you would oblige me very much by an early answer.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Shanghai.

HANS MEIER.

Shanghai, 14th October 1887.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, and in reply I beg to say that the Water Works Company, by their agreement with the Council, are bound to supply all residents in the Settlement with the water they require for ordinary domestic purposes at a charge not exceeding 5 % on their rentals, but I am unable to say how you can compel them to do so in your case except by taking legal proceedings against them.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

HANS MEIER, Esq.,
Shanghai.

Shanghai, 20th October 1887.

SIR,—I beg to call your attention to the fact that the Shanghai Waterworks Co. has, since the 1st of March 1886, exacted 10 % on my rental as payment for water supplied for ordinary domestic purposes. This is, as far I can see, a violation of the agreement between the Municipal Council and the Waterworks Company.

The Waterworks Company pleads that for the stipulated maximum amount (5 % on the rental), they have only to supply me with 1,500 gallons of water monthly—it is 20 gallons for each foreign adult and 5 gallons for each native servant per day—an amount of water, which is insufficient for ordinary domestic purposes,—it leaves for instance bathing out of the question.

I now beg to ask, if there exists anything authorizing the Waterworks Company to make this restriction, if they cannot prove, that I have used water for any other purpose but strictly domestic; and if not, if the Municipal Council then will take steps to compel the Waterworks Company to fulfil the agreement entered upon with the Council, viz., that the Waterworks Company is bound to supply water for a maximum charge of 5 % on the rental, without any restriction as to the amount of water used, as long as it is employed only for ordinary domestic purposes.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

HANS MEIER.

To the Chairman of the
Municipal Council, Shanghai.

Shanghai, 26th October 1887.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, addressed to the Chairman, and in reply I am directed to inform you that it has been submitted to the Council and will be fully considered by them at their next meeting.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

HANS MEIER, Esq.,
Shanghai.

Shanghai, 9th November 1887.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 18th October, covering copies of your correspondence with Mr. H. Meier about the terms on which he is supplied with water, and about which he is in disagreement with your Company.

I now enclose copies of the letters which he has addressed to the Council on the subject and as the matter in dispute has been brought to their notice I am directed to draw your attention to clause 5 of your agreement of 18th March 1881, which is to the following effect:—"The charge to be made by the Company for the supply of water for ordinary domestic purposes to consumers other than Chinese, and persons inhabiting Chinese built houses in the Northern Settlements shall, as far as practicable, and in the absence of agreement to the contrary, be based upon a Schedule of the so-called Foreign Houses in the said Northern Settlements (having an estimated charge set opposite to each such house) which has been signed by the Chairman of the Council, and by the Chairman of the Shanghai Committee of the Company, and has been deposited with the Council, Provided always that in no case in the absence of agreement to the contrary shall the charge for such supply to any such consumer as aforesaid, exceed Five per cent of the rental value of the dwelling house occupied by such consumer as at present assessed for Municipal purposes, and I am desired to ask you to supply Mr. Meier with water on the terms above stated of the agreement, or to inform me in what manner you propose dealing with the complaint made by that gentleman, and represented by him to the Council.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

Messrs. DRYSDALE, RINGER & Co.,
Secretaries,

Shanghai Water Works Co., Limited.

Shanghai, 23rd November 1887.

SIR,—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, enclosing copies of the letters addressed to the Council by Mr. Hans Meier regarding the terms on which he is supplied with water, and in reply we beg to state that we are, and always have been prepared to supply Mr. Meier with water at the rate of 20 gallons for each foreign adult and 5 gallons per day for each native resident within his premises, the quantity provided for in terms of our Contract form C, and that upon which the supply for a payment of 5 per cent on rentals was based.

As you will have seen from copies of the correspondence with Mr. Meier a meter was fixed to his supply pipe before the 1st September and it was found during that month 5,500 gallons were consumed—a quantity that we are not prepared to supply him with for the payment of One Mexican Dollar, the equivalent of 5 per cent on the rental of his house.

Trusting that this explanation will be satisfactory to the Council.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

DRYSDALE, RINGER & CO.,

Secretaries.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 6th December 1887.

GENTLEMEN,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo, referring to your correspondence with Mr. H. Meier about the terms upon which he is supplied with water and intimating that for a payment of 5 per cent on his rental he is only entitled to 20 gallons per day for each foreign adult and 5 gallons for each native resident on his premises.

Your letter has been submitted to the Council, who in reply direct me to say that they cannot admit your right to limit the supply of water to which a resident in the Settlement is entitled for a payment of 5 per cent on his rental to any fixed quantity so long as the water is required for ordinary domestic purposes, and they protest most strongly against your statement that the charge of 5 per cent on rentals was based upon a supply limited to 20 gallons per day for foreigners and 5 gallons for natives.

I am directed also to ask you upon what authority you base your statement that your contract form C was submitted to and approved of by the Council.

Leaving apart for the present the question of Mr. H. Meier's supply, the Council wish to come to a definite understanding with the Water Works Company as to the proper interpretation of the words, "for ordinary domestic purposes," and they insist upon having this question submitted to arbitration as provided for in clause 20 of the agreement.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

Messrs. DRYSDALE, RINGER & Co.,
Secretaries, Shanghai Water Works Company.

Shanghai, December 29th, 1887.

SIR,—Your letter of the 6th instant has been laid before the Directors of this Company, and having received their most careful consideration, we are instructed to reply to it, but we would first mention that they take exception to the somewhat discourteous tone in which it is written and would point out that as this Company contributes a considerable amount annually in rates and taxes to the Municipal Revenue, the Directors consider they are entitled to be treated with the same courtesy as would be shown to any individual ratepayer.

We note the Council protest most strongly against our statement that the charge of 5 ⁰/₁₀ on rentals was based upon a supply limited to 20 gallons per day for Foreigners and 5 gallons for Natives, but we must nevertheless adhere to the strict accuracy of our statement, that it was upon this basis of supply that our works were constructed and that our estimates of the daily requirements of the population of the Settlements were formed, and the Council's protest cannot in any way alter these facts.

With regard to your enquiry "Upon what authority we base our statement that our Contract form C was submitted to and approved of by the Council." We beg to say that it was first submitted to the Council on the 21st September 1883 when it was sent in, in answer to your official enquiry of the previous day asking us to "Send you for the information of the Council the printed form which consumers are required to sign before they are supplied with water;" that it was again submitted to your Council by our Chairman, Mr. McLEOD, at the personal interview of himself and Mr. HART with the Council on the 22nd October 1883; that after this date considerable correspondence took place between the Council

and the Company with reference to the supply of water to private consumers; and that finally, on the demand of the Council, it was agreed that the questions in dispute should be submitted to arbitration, the Company in the letter addressed to the Council on the 24th December 1883 giving their consent to this course of action. From that date to the present time nothing further has been heard from the Council regarding this arbitration which they then "insisted" on, and as an interval of nearly four years has been allowed to elapse, the Directors consider they were justified in assuming that the Council were, upon reconsideration, satisfied with the arrangements existing between the Company and the private consumers of water, and they have been further strengthened in this belief from the fact that in July 1886, when a question as to the daily Municipal supply of water was submitted to arbitration, no mention whatsoever was made of any desire to submit to the arbitrators the questions previously in dispute in 1883.

We note the Council now "insist" on submitting to arbitration the question of what is "the proper interpretation of the words for 'ordinary domestic purposes.'"

We are advised that the interpretation of the above four words quoted cannot be made a subject for arbitration, as the words speak for themselves, and we must therefore decline the Council's demand to go to arbitration upon them, especially as any decision arrived at, could not affect the question in dispute between the Council and the Company, but they are quite prepared to discuss with the Council, or with any members of it, the quantity of water the Company should supply to a consumer for a payment of 5 % on rentals under all the circumstances of the case, and failing any understanding being arrived at, to submit the same to arbitration as provided for in clause 20 of the Agreement with the Council.

We trust, however, arbitration may not become necessary, if, as we venture to hope is practicable, an understanding or agreement can be arrived at between the Council and our Company, and to this end we are prepared to receive and consider the views of the Council upon the point, or to arrange for an interview between the Council or some of its members and our Directors.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

DRYSDALE, RINGER & CO.,

Secretaries.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 31st January 1888.

GENTLEMEN,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ulto., which has been duly considered by the Council and in answer thereto I am instructed to say :—

Your letter under reply raises five points, viz. :—

1.—That the charge of 5 per cent on rentals was based upon a supply limited to 20 gallons per day for foreigners, and 5 gallons for natives.

2.—That your contract form C. was submitted to and approved of by the Council on the 21st September 1883, and was again submitted to the Council by Mr. McLEOD, the Chairman of your Company on the 22nd October 1883.

3.—That on 21st November 1883, the Council wished to have the points in difference between themselves and your Directors submitted to Arbitration as provided by the Agreement of 18th March 1881, to which suggestion your Directors agreed on 24th December 1883.

4.—That as the Arbitration was not proceeded with your Directors consider that they were and are justified in assuming that the Council upon consideration were satisfied with the arrangements existing between your Company and the private consumers of its water.

5.—That to avoid the necessity for Arbitration now, an interview might be arranged between the Council or some of its Members, and your Directors, to come to an understanding or agreement respecting the question on which the Council differ from the Company, i.e., the quantity of water to which a private consumer is entitled for ordinary domestic purposes for a charge of 5 per cent on rental value, in the absence of any special agreement.

Before proceeding to deal with these points seriatim, the Council have to disclaim any intentional want of courtesy and see nothing discourteous in "the tone" of their Secretary's letter to you of the 6th instant. It was a purely business communication upon matters on which they do not agree with your Directors and they deprecate the making of a personal charge of discourtesy without some necessity and clear foundation.

1.—The Council cannot in any way agree that when your Company was seeking to obtain permission for the construction of its works, the then Council were parties to any basis limiting the supply of water to private consumers to 20 gallons per day for foreigners and 5 gallons for natives.

The report of the proceedings of the Special Meeting of 16th June 1880, seems to them to prove that no such limit was even contemplated.

Whatever may have been the basis of the Company's calculations for the construction of its Works and estimates of the supply required, the Council had nothing to do with those calculations.

A *maximum* charge to private consumers was actually fixed and presumably for a maximum supply for ordinary domestic purposes.

Moreover, on the 16th November 1883, your Company agreed to the Council's definition of the words "for ordinary domestic purposes" restricting the supply of water to the "strictly household requirements of the consumer, his household and household servants."

2.—The Council regret to find that their Minutes are entirely at variance with the statement contained in your letter of the 29th ulto., and it is also not in the recollection of their Secretary, that your contract form C. was submitted to and approved of by the then Council on the 21st September 1883, and again on the 22nd October 1883. They cannot but believe that there is some misapprehension on the part of your Directors on this head as they are informed by their Secretary that it was your form B, which was then submitted to the Council.

3.—You are quite correct in saying that the Arbitration which the then Council desired to have in November 1883, and to which your Company agreed on the 24th December 1883, was not prosecuted.

They can only account for this on the hypothesis that the two cases of Mr. A. J. How and Mr. Bois, out of which the discussion at the time sprang, were amicably arranged and that the succeeding Council did not find themselves under the necessity of prosecuting the matter.

4.—The Council cannot agree that because that Arbitration was not proceeded with, your Directors were justified in assuming that the Council were assenting parties to limiting the supply of water to private consumers "for ordinary domestic purposes"—they had expressly alleged the contrary in their letter to you of the 30th October 1883, while in your reply to that letter in which you declined to accept the "conditions" of the Council, you did so, by stating generally that some of those conditions, without specifying which, seemed entirely at variance with the Agreement.

In accepting the definition your Directors impliedly recognised the right to an unlimited supply for the purposes stated in the definition.

5.—The Council agree with you that no Arbitration is necessary, at any rate at present, to determine the meaning of the words "for ordinary domestic purposes" and under these circumstances the Council do not think that an interview between them and your Directors is necessary or would be useful.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

Messrs. DRYSDALE, RINGER & Co.,

Secretaries,

Shanghai Water Works Co.

SOOCHOW CREEK.

At the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers the following Resolution was proposed by Mr. A. G. Wood, seconded by Mr. Adler, and carried unanimously :—

“That the Council are hereby authorized and instructed to prepare a report upon the condition of the foreshores of the Soochow Creek, along with estimates of the cost of levelling, regulating, and bunding the same, and to enter into correspondence and negotiations with the local authorities and others concerned, for the purpose of drawing up plans and estimates for the execution of any work which may be decided on as necessary for the conservation of the Soochow Creek.

“The Report and Estimates to be submitted to the Ratepayers, either at a meeting to be called specially for the purpose, or at the next Annual Meeting, and any expenses incurred in carrying out the object of these instructions to be defrayed out of the Revenue for the current year.”

In accordance with the terms of this Resolution the following report upon the condition of the foreshores of the Creek has been drawn up, and the annexed correspondence gives full details of all the negotiations between the Native Authorities and the Council regarding the proposed dredging and bunding of the Creek.

MINUTE BY THE WORKS COMMITTEE.

The Works Committee beg to submit to the Council the following report, which they have drawn up about the Soochow Creek and its condition, in pursuance of the instructions given in the Resolution on the subject passed at the last Land Renters' meeting.

In the early months of the year the accompanying Memorandum was drawn up, and a plan was prepared by the Municipal Surveyor showing the lines of Bunding and Embankment to be recommended by the Council. In April the Council received Messrs. MORRISON & GRATTON'S proposals for an extension of the North Soochow Road, from the North Honan Road to the Fukien Road bridge.

The Council were glad to accept these proposals, which were, however, subject to an understanding being come to with the native authorities about the portion of the road in front of the Tien How Temple being always left open for public use. The Taotai's consent to this was not received until the end of July, and then a plan of the proposed Bunding and of the Road between the North Honan and Fukien Roads was sent for his approval. During August the line of Bunding proposed by the Council was marked out, when the Taotai having pointed out that it appeared to him to be beyond, or outside the old Bank of the creek, an inspection of the site was made by his Deputy, WANG, and the Municipal Surveyor, which was followed by an examination on the spot by the Taotai himself, the Chairman of the Council also being present. The objection that the proposed line extended too far into the Creek was maintained and it was agreed that it should be set back; accordingly a fresh plan was drawn up, setting the Bunding line back 18 to 20 feet and extending it only so far as to connect with the proposed new Shanse Road Bridge. In reply to this the Taotai, on the 17th October, notified that an officer of rank had been deputed to report upon the condition of the whole of the Soochow Creek, and that the present question must await that official's arrival, before he could take any steps. The Council have recently learnt of the arrival of the Taotai LI KUNG-YUEN, and have been informed that when measurements have been taken, the work of excavation will be commenced. Steps are being taken to obtain particulars of what the native officials intend doing, and to secure for the Council the right of co-operation in the work within the limits of the Settlements.

The several negotiations above referred to have all more or less connection with the general subject of the Soochow Creek, on which the Council have to report, and pending their solution no active steps have been taken by the Council, and now that the Native Authorities have notified their intention of dredging the creek, it appears desirable for the Council to await further information about the nature of the work they propose undertaking, before moving further in the matter; at the same time the Works Committee desire to urge the Council to use all their influence in having the dredging and embanking, or bunding done in such a manner as to ensure a permanent improvement in the waterway, and this especially as regards the section from the Garden Bridge to the mouth of the Creek.

REPORT.

On consulting the Municipal Reports for a number of years past the first steps for inquiring into the condition of the Soochow Creek appear to have been taken in 1864. In the Autumn of that year the Municipal Engineer was instructed to ascertain if it was possible to continue the Bund line from the

Whangpoo River to the Defence Creek and to furnish a report on the shore line of the Settlement; and this report with a plan of the proposed embankment was submitted and sent to the Consular body and the Chamber of Commerce.

In the letter dated 6th October 1864 to the Chamber of Commerce there is the following paragraph :—

“One essential point of the new Bunding scheme is the contraction of the mouth of the Soochow Creek (still giving it an increased width of 50 feet at Will's Bridge) by the “starling shaped” corner in front of H.B.M.'s Consulate intended to break the force of the up-tide and to direct the volume of water from the creek, when at the ebb, on past the American Settlement, that being the only effectual method of preventing future dead water and consequent deposit at same places, for if the said corner be rounded off, a spread of part of the stream on to the front of the English Settlement must result, which would cause it again to come into direct encounter with the tide of the Whangpoo. You will also see the advantages of the “starling shaped” corner with regard to the up-tide, of which it will lessen the force by dividing it, diverting a larger body on through the main stream and reducing its impetuosity in the creek by the alteration of the mouth from its present “bell shaped” curve, a curve more calculated than any other to add to the violence of an inflowing tide by impelling, from a wide base, large volumes of water up a too suddenly contracting channel, thus acting in a similar manner to an hydraulic ram.”

And in another letter dated 16th January 1865, occurs the following :—

“The Soochow Creek would be 420 feet wide at the mouth forming an angle by a “starling point” the western side of which would continue up to Will's Bridge. The Hongkew shore of the Soochow Creek, above the coincidence of the curve of the main Bund, would sweep round into the Hongkew Bund at the angle between the Astor House and Howard's Jetty, running as near as 10 feet to the South corner of Todd's store.”

This “starling shaped” corner, according to the above recommendations, appears to have been adopted when the mud flat in front of the British Consulate was reclaimed and laid out as a Public Garden, and which, so far as the mud filling is concerned, was done during the years 1866 to 1868, a portion of the mud used coming from the Yang-king-pang Creek, which was being cleaned at the time.

It is a question as to how far the banks now existing at the mouth of the Soochow Creek are to be attributed to the adoption of this particular bund line.

Nothing further appears to have been done towards bunding the Creek until 1869, when the banks between Will's Bridge and the New Boat House and a portion to the west of the same bridge on the Hongkew side were dwarf bunded, and the Municipal Engineer recommended that a Bund should be made between the Boat

House and the Honan Road, but his proposals were not adopted as it was considered that, as the shore line was filling up so fast, a slope faced with granite chips would meet all requirements when bunding became necessary.

In 1869-70 the abutments of the present Garden Bridge were made, and while this bridge was building a pontoon bridge was placed across the Creek about the end of the Upper Yuen-ming-yuen Road. It was approached by a mole which has, undoubtedly, had much to do with the filling in of the bank known as the Ince foreshore, and which was bunded to its present line in 1881. At the Land Renter's meeting in May 1871, the General Scheme of bunding in front of both Settlements was discussed, and in the report for that year the Council go fully into the question of these bundings, arriving at the conclusion that it is of most importance that the bunding of the Hongkew foreshore should first be done, leaving the rest of the work for a future period. In the following year it is reported that the General Bunding Scheme south of the Soochow Creek remained in abeyance, as the Taotai's assent to it could not be obtained, and an understanding with one foreshore proprietor could not be come to.

In 1873 the Council purchased the property and rights of the Soochow Creek Bridge Co. and a further piece of bunding west of the Will's Bridge was done. At the Land Renters' meeting in May 1873, resolutions were passed to build a bridge at the end of the Honan Road, and to bund the north side of the Creek from the Honan Road to the Garden Bridge, the proposer estimating the cost of the bunding at Tls. 7,000, but other estimates put it at 10/11,000 and 16,000 taels. In the same year a correspondence took place with the Senior Consul, and through him with the native authorities, in which a scheme for bunding the Creek was discussed, and ultimately a plan giving it, within the limits of the Settlements, an uniform course and a width of 200 feet at its mouth was agreed upon; in 1872 the Works Committee reported in favor of giving the Creek a greater width, in which the Municipal Engineer did not agree and, as is well known, this scheme of bunding and reclamation has never been carried out. In December 1873, a numerously signed letter was addressed to the Council urging them to proceed with the bunding on the North side between the Honan Road and Will's bridge, and the report for 1874 states that the original plan of a half bunding is being carried out, as the landowners concerned would not contribute to the cost of a full bunding; this work was completed in 1877.

At the Land Renters' Meeting in May 1875 the condition of the Creek came under discussion, and the statement was made that between the Honan Road bridge and the mouth of the Creek there was depth of only about four feet at low water, and it was decided that the co-operation of the Native Authorities should be invited to cleanse this and the Yang-king-pang Creeks. But from the Report of this year it appears that they would not clean, or assist in cleaning the Creek

though they gave their approval to the Bunding scheme, including both frontages of the Soochow Creek, and the Council therefore proposed to clean it, improve the bund line and deepen the Channel where necessary.

In 1876 the Council gave permission to build a dyke on the foreshore from the Garden bridge to Howard's Wharf, provided the Bund line was agreed to, and this was objected to by the Taotai. In 1879 the Chinese Authorities undertook to dredge the mouth of the Creek, and the section between the Garden bridge and the Police Hulk was done in 1880, five months being spent on the work, and in the Report for that year it is stated that the mud had accumulated again very rapidly, till the depth of water was much the same as before the dredging. The Council also report that it is desirable to fill in the Bund from the Garden bridge to the Wuchang road, and a plan was drawn up in which, to obtain the new bund line, an exchange of land is proposed with the Representatives of the Will's estate, while the Japanese Consul General expressed his willingness to surrender land for a road in front of his Consulate; and at the Land Renter's Meeting of February, 1881, a resolution approving of this scheme was adopted, the cost of carrying it out being estimated at 12,000 taels; but the Council, in their Report for the year, state that they had not acted on this resolution as the majority of the Council were opposed to a surrender of a portion of the present road in front of the Astor House. In 1883 the Public Garden Committee urged the Council to reclaim a portion of the mud bank in front of the Garden and a provision for doing so was made in the Budget for 1884, but at the Land Renters' Meeting in February the Chairman of the Council had to state that the Taotai would not give his consent to this reclamation, and when, later in the year, the Chinese again dredged the mouth of the Creek they would not allow the mud extracted to be used in filling up this foreshore.

In the same year a correspondence took place about the bunding of the foreshore in front of Will's estate, which had been commenced.

The Council had the matter referred to the City Authorities and the Taotai requested that the work should be stopped, alleging that it was an infraction of the international agreement of 1871. A commission, on which the Council were represented, was appointed—and reported that the new line of bunding would not be injurious to the River, if care be taken that it is not allowed to silt up, and no further encroachments are allowed.

The Taotai objected to this, and a new Committee was appointed which obtained the opinions of five professional experts, all of which varied and were conflicting, and on no point were their views more divergent than on the question of the advantages and disadvantages of the bund line proposed by the Trustees of the Will's estate. The Committee gave its attention to the line proposed by the Taotai, and made the following suggestions which it was considered would effect considerable improvements in it. 1st.—That the line should be continued above

the Garden Bridge until it gradually merges into the present old bunding. 2nd.— That the projection of the south-west corner of the bunding in front of the Japanese Consulate-General being detrimental to the River, the Authorities should endeavour to arrange for a mitigation of the evil; and the strong recommendation is made that both sides of the mouth of the Creek be bunded at the same time, and that no bunding be hereafter allowed on the Creek within the limits of the Settlements unless in conformity with a general plan previously agreed upon by the Chinese Authorities, the Consular Body and the Municipal Council.

The bunding works were stopped, and since then nothing has been done to improve the condition of any portion of the foreshores of the Creek.

The expenditure on bundings in the Soochow Creek has been as follows:—

	1866.	1867.	1868.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Mud filling, Public Garden ...	4,700	5,940	125	10,765
Abutments, New Garden bridge	3,000	2,550	...	5,550
Bunding 1869—Between Wills' bridge and New Boat				
House	...	...	...	840
West of Wills' bridge on Hongkew side	...	...	...	770
1870—Near Astor House...	...	...	...	1,020
1872—Part of Creek west of Garden bridge	...	...	...	1,000
1874—Between Honan road and Garden bridge	...	...	...	6,000
1875— " " " "	...	...	...	1,070
1881—West of Fokien road	...	...	...	420
1883—Opposite General Hospital	...	...	...	2,650
1885/8—Foreshore, Reserve Garden	...	...	...	1,820
1886—Approaches, Fokien road bridge	...	...	...	660
				32,565

From the foregoing it will be seen that, though some portions of the Creek foreshore have been bunded, none of the general schemes of bunding, even after having been approved of by the Land Renters, have ever been carried out, and that all the work done has been in the Section between the mouth of the Creek and the Honan road bridge—west of which nothing whatever has been done, except in connection with the bridges; the consequence is that the foreshores of the Creek are in a state of disorder which must be seen to be appreciated. The question how to remedy this state of things is constantly becoming a more difficult one, and it can only be done by the adoption of such a general scheme as will provide some definite and agreed upon plan of reclamation and bunding, to be carried out as means and opportunities for doing so present themselves. To commence with, it will be necessary to prepare a plan showing the line of new foreshore

and bunding which the Council will recommend, and which probably should be based on the plans already referred to, drawn up in 1873 and 1884; it should extend the whole length of the Creek within the limits of the Settlements and include the names of those registered owners of land for whose co-operation it may be necessary to negotiate.

It is most desirable that there should be an open road or thoroughfare the whole length of the Creek, and by preference on the south bank, but as it does not appear at all likely that the land can be obtained, it will be better to arrange for it on the north bank, and in this connection the offer now under consideration from Messrs. MORRISON & GRATTON comes in very opportunely. As regards the bunding to be done, it is probable that, for the greater part, sloping bunds faced with granite chips will be found sufficient, full bundings being only adopted where absolutely necessary, and the estimate of cost should be based on this understanding. When the plans are ready they will have to be submitted to the Chinese Authorities, who it is hoped will give their consent to, and bear their share of the cost of executing, such scheme as may finally be adopted, and it is beyond question that, in any complete scheme, the work of reclamation and bunding should be extended as far as the Stone Bridge, a structure which might be modified with advantage to the conservation and navigation of the Creek.

Hongkew Creek.—It will some day become necessary to continue the Fearon road between the Seward and Hanbury roads, and a full bunding, as elsewhere in this Creek, will have to be made; the cost of it will be considerable, but it is a work which should be done as soon as it conveniently can be.

H.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 8th August 1887.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th July, forwarding a plan of the proposed bunding of the north bank of the Soochow Creek between the Honan and Fuhkien Road bridges, and requesting me to submit the plan to the Taotai and obtain his consent to the work being at once commenced.

I have no doubt that in making this plan your engineer has kept in view the advisability of bunding the creek, within the limits of the Settlement, on some uniform system, and improving the present channel.

I placed your letter before a Meeting of the Consular Body held to-day, and it was agreed to recommend the Taotai to give his consent to a scheme which, if properly carried out, cannot fail to improve the sanitary condition of a populous district, and benefit the Community, Chinese and Foreign.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
*H.B.M. Consul-General
and Senior Consul.*

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 11th August 1887.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, intimating that you have placed before the Consular Body the Council's letter of 26th July regarding the proposed bunding of the North Bank of the Soochow Creek between the Honan and Fuhkien roads, and that it was agreed to recommend the Taotai to give his consent to the scheme.

Your letter has been submitted to the Council, who in reply desire me to convey to you their thanks for the steps you have taken in order to get the bunding scheme carried out.

The Municipal Surveyor has placed poles and flags to show the new bund line proposed in the Council's plan, and I shall be much obliged if you can arrange with the native officials to meet him at the Tien Hou Temple at 9 a.m. on Saturday the 20th inst., in order to inspect the line along with him.

You will doubtless remember that at the last Ratepayers' Meeting a Resolution was passed authorising and instructing the Council to prepare a report upon the condition of the foreshore of the Soochow Creek, along with estimate of the cost of levelling, regulating and bunding the same, and I now beg to point out to you that the bunding of this section of the Creek between the two bridges forms part of the scheme which is now being prepared, and which I hope shortly to place before you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General and
Senior Consul.

[*Translation.*]

Shanghai, 13th August 1887.

SIR,—I have received your note of the 11th instant, stating, with reference to the proposed road between the Railway and Louza Bridges, that the Municipal Council had once more addressed you representing that flags indicative of the proposed new road had been stuck up along the line, and inviting me to depute an officer to meet the Municipal Surveyor at the Tien-hou Kung Temple at 9 a.m. on the 20th August, in order to go over the ground and endeavour to come to a friendly understanding, which representation you recommend to my consideration.

On the 9th of August I received a previous communication from you in reference to this matter, inviting me to depute officers to inspect the site, and I duly sent you a fully explanatory reply, instructing at the same time the Deputy Wang to examine the place in conjunction with the District Magistrate.

In reply to your present note, I beg to state that I have again directed those officers to proceed to make an inspection, when the date shall arrive, and to forward me a full report.

In asking you to inform the Council,

I have, etc.,

(Signed) KUNG,
Taotai.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General
and Shanghai Consul.

Extract from Taotai's Letter.

[Translation.]

"Shanghai, 17th October 1887.

"With reference to the proposed bunding of the Soochow Creek by the Municipal Council, as the Creek is now so silted up as to affect the agricultural water communication of twelve city departments in the two provinces of Kiangsu and Chekiang, their Excellencies, the Viceroy and Governor, have decided to send an officer of rank to report upon the condition of the whole river, and to draw up a scheme for dredging it, so that I cannot take upon myself to decide upon the conditions which will govern the accretion question, and must await the arrival of the deputy from the provincial Capital, before I can take any steps."

Shanghai, 28th November 1887.

SIR,—I beg to enclose, for your information, the translation of a Note which I have received from the Taotai, referring to the works proposed to be undertaken for the purpose of removing impediments to navigation and facilitating the flow of water in the Soochow Creek.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
Consul-General.

To A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

26th November 1887.

The Wu Sung River *alias* Soochow Creek, silting up every day, navigation and water supply are both impeded. H.E. the Governor Sung has deputed Li Taotai to come to Shanghai in order to judge what excavations must be made. He will first measure the part between the mouth and Sinza and begin the work of excavation.

I take this opportunity, in informing you of the above, to wish you etc., etc.

(Signed) KUNG,
Taotai.

To P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M. Consul-General, Shanghai.

Shanghai, 2nd December 1887.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 28th ultimo enclosing translation of a Note from the Taotai intimating that Li Taotai has been deputed by the Governor Sung to superintend the dredging of the Soochow Creek; for which I am much obliged.

The Council note that after the measurements have been made of the part between Sinza and the mouth of the Creek, the work of excavation will be commenced, and they will be much obliged if you will obtain for them a copy of the plan of the work and particulars of the manner in which it is to be executed. The Council, in pursuance of the Resolution to that effect passed at the last Rate-payers' Meeting, have been studying the condition of the Creek and have prepared a plan showing a line of reclamation of its banks and giving it an even and uniform course from the Defence Creek to the mouth, and they are quite ready to place this plan at the disposal of the Native authorities.

As the interests of property-holders and of residents are likely to be affected by the manner in which this important work is carried out, I trust you will be able to secure for the Council the right of co-operation in it so far as regards the foreshores of the Creek within the limits of the Settlement, and they will be quite prepared to render all the assistance in their power towards providing for the permanent improvement of the condition and course of the Creek and for preventing its foreshores from relapsing into their present, in many places, very offensive condition.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General and
Senior Consul.

[*Translation Copy.*]

Shanghai, 8th December 1887.

SIR,—I have received your Notes of the 5th, 6th, and 7th instant, and also the Maps, one shewing the new road, which the Municipal Council wish to make across the Government land North of the T'ien-hou Kung.

I have communicated with Mr. Taotai LI, and have now received his reply as follows :—

Of course it will be desirable to mark out the limits in the first instance, in deepening the two banks of the Soochow Creek, and as the Municipal Council has already drawn up plans, the Consul-General is invited to request the Council to forward them for comparison, in order that steps may be taken, when the Council can be again informed of the course proposed, and the work be then commenced. Should there be any accretions forming Government land, it will be for the local authorities to deal with it, in accordance with law.

The above is exactly my own opinion, and I therefore beg you to request the Municipal Council to send in their plans for comparison.

Our old plans do not accord with the present configuration of the Creek, and new ones are being prepared, which, when completed, will be forwarded for your information, for transmission to the archives of the Council.

As to the loan of land for making a road, I shall refer the question to the High Authorities, and inform you of the result, when I shall have received their instructions.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) KUNG,
Taotai.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General and
Senior Consul.

H.B.M.'s Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 10th December 1887.

SIR,—Referring to your letters of the 2nd and 6th instant, I beg to enclose translation of a letter from the Taotai, in which he acknowledges the receipt of the plan of the proposed new road to the North of the T'ien-hou Temple, and promises to refer your proposal to the High Authorities.

With regard to the improvement of the Soochow Creek, the Taotai asks you to be good enough to send a copy of your plan, and he undertakes to send you a new plan, which appears to be in course of preparation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
Consul-General and
Senior Consul.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman,
Municipal Council.

DREDGING AND BUNDING OF THE SOOCHOW CREEK.

By invitation from the Taotai, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council and the Municipal Surveyor had an interview with him on the morning of Friday the 23rd instant to discuss the plans for dredging and bunding the Soochow Creek.

The Council's plan was considered at some length, and the proposed lines of bundings and reclaimed foreshores appeared to meet with the Taotai's general approval, but it was considered necessary to set back the Council's line close to the present south bank (which is sufficiently well defined) in the narrow section of the Creek between the Honan and Fokien road bridges, and there does not appear to be any chance of obtaining sufficient frontage for making a road on this side to connect the two bridges.

The plan drawn up by the Native Authorities was then produced and compared with that of the Council, and it was finally decided that the Municipal Surveyor should lay down on this map the lines proposed by the Council. The Taotai expressed his desire to work in harmony with the Council in carrying out this work, which was to be commenced immediately, it being desirable to have it completed during the cold season, and it will be done by dredging machines and without closing the Creek by dams, and it was proposed that the mud excavated should be used for filling up the north bank where required.

The Taotai then explained at some length that the instructions brought by the Taotai LI were that the Creek was to be dredged to the width of 300 feet, which was its width as shown in the old Chinese maps, but he feared it would be

impossible to do this in consequence of the extension which had been made to the properties bordering on the Creek. He pointed out that such accretions were, by Chinese law, the property of the Chinese Government until they had been measured and their assessed value paid for, and he would shortly have to address the Senior Consul to request him to notify to those concerned that they will be called on to pay for any such extensions beyond the original banks of the Creek.

When discussing the line of embankment which appeared most desirable to adopt at the mouth of the Creek, on its being pointed out that the proposed line on the north bank from the Woosung road to the German Consulate was the one suggested by the Native Authorities in 1884, and that the Council could only apply any foreshores they acquired to public purposes, the Taotai stated that it would be very difficult for him to allow any further filling-up to be done there until the registered owners of the property known as the Will's Estate had paid for the foreshores which had already been reclaimed by them. He was in hopes that this matter would be amicably settled through the Senior Consul, otherwise it would have to be referred to the Provincial authorities, and perhaps ultimately to the Tsung-li Yamén.

The Chairman undertook to communicate the Taotai's remarks to the Senior Consul, but it was clearly explained that the members of the Council present were only able to discuss the question of the dredging and bunding of the Creek, and that all questions connected with the foreshores already acquired would have to be dealt with by the native authorities, the Board of Consuls, and the holders of the properties concerned.

In the afternoon the same members of the Municipal Body, in company of the Chehsien and the officials appointed to superintend the dredging operations, inspected the Creek from the mouth to the Defence Creek, when the proposed new bund lines were explained to them, as well as could be done, on the spot.

Shanghai, 24th December 1887.

PROPOSED NEW ROAD NORTH OF THE TIEN HOU TEMPLE.

Shanghai, 7th October 1887.

SIR,—The Council observe the long strip of land belonging to the Chinese Government on the West side of the North Honan road is now being completely built over, and as this will prevent all access from the Honan road to the large District situated to the West of it, I have the honour to request that you will represent to the Taotai how important it is that there should be a road through the land, and obtain his consent to one being made, immediately to the North of the Tien Hou Temple.

At present there is a vacant space left there of about 12 feet, but the Council desire to have the road at least 30 feet in width, and as the land has been leased to Ching Chong, who has already erected some houses on it, they undertake to arrange with him for their removal if the Taotai consents to the road being made.

I inclose a plan showing the line of buildings on the land extending almost without a break from the Soochow Creek to the Canton Garden with the portion coloured red through which the Council are desirous to be allowed to make a road.

As the houses built by Ching Chong are now nearly ready for occupation, the Council will feel much obliged by your letting them know as early as possible whether or not the Taotai agrees to the proposed arrangement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,

Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,

H.B.M.'s Consul-General
and Senior Consul.

The Senior Consul communicated the request of the Council to the Taotai on the 10th October, and annexed is an extract from the reply of the Taotai on the 17th idem, along with the further correspondence on the subject, from which it seems to be very doubtful whether it will be possible to have the road made :

"Secondly, regarding the request of the Council for permission to broaden the new road North of the T'ien-hou Kung to 30 feet, they say that as Yeh Ch'êng-chung has already leased and built upon the land, if permission be given they will come to a satisfactory understanding with Yeh Ch'êng-chung, etc., etc. In answer to this I have to state that, the Government land in question having been leased to Yeh Ch'êng-chung, it will be for that person to take steps himself : the houses have already been built there, and it is impossible to *order* him to pull them down for a road."

Shanghai, 28th November 1887.

SIR,—With reference to the proposed road at the back of the T'ien-hou Temple, which forms the substance of your official letter No. 375 of the 7th ultimo ; and to the subsequent notes and interviews which have been exchanged between us ; I have the honour to inform you that the Taotai intends to refer the whole matter to the

High Authorities; and I beg, therefore, that you will favour me with another copy of the portion of the Map, shewing the proposed works on a larger scale, for submission to the Viceroy Tsêng.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,

Consul-General.

To A. G. WOOD, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 6th December 1887.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 9th and 28th November referring to the proposed road behind the T'ien-hou Temple and intimating that the Taotai intends to refer the whole matter to the High Authorities.

In compliance with your request I now beg to hand you a copy, on the scale of 50 feet to an inch, of the plan showing the line of the buildings along the North Honan road extending from the Soochow Creek to the Canton Garden, and the road (coloured red) which the Council are desirous of making on the North side of the Temple; and I have also to beg that you will urge the Taotai to inform you as quickly as possible of the nature of the reply he receives from the Viceroy Tsêng.

The delays which have already occurred are likely to add greatly to the difficulties the Council have to contend with in acquiring the land required for the road in question, and they have noted with regret the change which appears to have taken place in the Taotai's views on the subject between the dates of his despatches of the 17th October and 8th November, of which you have been good enough to send me translations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,

Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,

H.B.M.'s Consul-General and

Senior Consul.

DRAINING, LIGHTING, ETC., OF THE NORTH HONAN ROAD.

Shanghai, 8th October 1887.

SIR,—At an interview with the Taotai on the 6th September, at which I assisted, I brought to his notice the unsatisfactory state of the North Honan road the greater part of which is the property of the Chinese Government, and recommended that the care of it should be made over to the Council in the same way as that of the other roads in the Settlement. In reply the Taotai informed me that any suggestions the Council might have to make about the road would have his consideration if communicated to him in writing.

As this road is an important thoroughfare through a large and growing district, and must always remain open for public traffic, I have the honour to request that you will inform the Taotai that the Council are desirous to be allowed to drain and light it, and to provide curbs and side-channels and keep it in order as they do the other public roads, and that you will obtain his consent to this arrangement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,

Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,

H.B.M.'s Consul-General
and Senior Consul.

* H.B.M.'s Consulate-General,

Shanghai, 10th October 1887.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your three letters, dated the 7th and 8th instant, referring to the proposed new line of bunding on the north side of the Soochow Creek, and to certain improvements which the Council desire to make in the North Honan Road and its vicinity.

I am communicating with the Taotai on these subjects, and hope for an early and satisfactory settlement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,

Consul-General and Senior Consul.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council,
Shanghai.

Annexed is an extract from the Taotai's reply to the Senior Consul, intimating that Yeh Ch'eng-chung would have the road drained and lighted at his own expense, but as yet nothing has been done:

"Lastly, the Municipal Council is desirous of taking over the charge of the North Honan road, and is willing to undertake the drainage, lighting, etc., upon which subject you also ask me to reply. In answer to this I have to state, that the Government road in question has, so far, been quite open to both foreigners and Chinese. As Yeh Ch'eng-chung has already leased and built upon the adjoining land, he has been asked his views upon the subject of laying out the road, making side-gutters, lighting, etc., etc., and has stated that he is willing to do all this at his own expense. If, however, he should fail to do this properly, the matter can be taken into further consideration, and the Municipal Council may be invited to take the matter in hand for him."

H.B.M. Consulate General,

Shanghai, 9th November 1887.

SIR,—Having learned from you, with reference to my letter of 19th ultimo, that the lessee of the property adjoining the North Honan Road with whom the Taotai had recommended the Council to make arrangements, declined to accept the responsibility of allowing the desired improvements, I again wrote to the Taotai on the subject.

I now beg to enclose translation of his reply from which it will be seen that the Taotai has, on further consideration, decided that he is precluded by his instructions and by precedent from acceding to the wishes of the Council, and he definitely refuses to part with the control over the North Honan Road, or to allow the construction of the proposed new Road behind the Tien Hou Temple. I regret this decision and can only hope that the Taotai will see the advisability, in the interest of the Native and Foreign Community, of keeping in order and improving the thoroughfare which he claims to be Chinese Government property.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,

*Consul-General
and Senior Consul.*

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,

Chairman,

Municipal Council,

Shanghai.

8th November 1887.

SIR,—I have received your note of the 2nd instant, with reference to the new road which the Municipal Council wish to construct north of the T'ien-hou Temple, and proposing to indemnify Yeh Ch'eng-chung for the houses built on the Government land there which it was desired to pull down. Also, with reference to the sewage and lighting of the North Honan Road, you ask me for a reply as to whether these duties can be handed over to the Council.

In reply I have to state that the North Honan Road as well as the land leased by Yeh Ch'eng-chung are all included in the land repurchased by the Chinese Government from the former Railway Company. During the *gérance* of my predecessor the *taotai* Liu, the then U.S. Consul-General sent his interpreter to this office to discuss the question whether the Government road at the place in question could be handed over to the management of the Municipal Council, and Liu *taotai* replied that, whilst foreigners were perfectly at liberty to make use of Chinese Government roads, he could not possibly agree to the Council taking it over and repairing it at their own expense; and, in answer to the representations made to the then Viceroy Shên, his Excellency said that, China having bought back the railway to serve as a government road, foreigners could of course make use of it in common with Chinese, but that it was for China to decide for herself whether it wanted repairs or no, and it was not desirable for foreigners to interfere in the matter.

Later on, the District Magistrate and deputies represented that the Municipal Council had sent workmen to pull up the government road between the Number two Bridge and the Sü Garden with a view to reconstructing it. They were clearly told that it was a government road, and that it was for China to do the work, on which the Council desisted, and the deputies gave it as their opinion that in future it would be unnecessary for the Council to manage the road at their own expense; on which the then *taotai* Liu, now Chinese Minister in England, officially notified the then Senior Consul, the German Consul-General Focke, and requested him to direct the Council accordingly.

So that the North Honan Road is a Chinese government road, and, in accordance with what has been done officially, it is inexpedient that the sewage and lighting of it should be carried out by and at the expense of the Council, nor can this road be handed over to the charge of the Municipal Council.

The land leased by Yeh Ch'eng-chung is part of the old railway site repurchased by China, which has been temporarily let out to him; as soon as the lease is up the land must revert to government. The proposal of the Council to arrange with Yeh Ch'eng-chung to have some of the houses pulled down to make way for a road would involve the said roads reverting to the management of the Council as soon as such roads were made, which would be incompatible with the arrangements already officially made; so that it is not to be wondered at that Yeh Ch'eng-chung does not take it upon himself to act, but is willing to do what is necessary at his own expense. Nor can I, the present *taotai*, myself ignore already acts officially registered by lightly permitting the Council to open out a new road upon government land, in such a way as to incur the censure of my superiors.

I regret therefore that I cannot meet your wishes in the matter and, asking you kindly to accept my excuses, I seize this occasion, etc., etc.

To P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,

(Signed) KUNG.

H.M. Consul-General, and Senior Consul.

ROAD EXTENSION IN HONGKEW.

Several proposals having been made to the Council in the early part of the year for extending the present, and making new roads in Hongkew, on rather an extensive scale, the Surveyor was instructed to prepare a plan showing all the proposed roads, along with a schedule giving the estimated value of the different lots of land necessary to be acquired, and an estimate of the cost of raising, bricking, and sanding the roads.

Annexed is the schedule, from which it appears that the land required for the roads measures about 57m. 7l. 3h. 0f. and that the value put upon it by the owners is Tls. 24,700, to which add Tls. 6,000 for a new bridge across the Hongkew Creek at the end of Hanbury road, and Tls. 16,470 for bricking and sanding the roads, and removal of graves, etc., making a grand total of Tls. 47,170, exclusive of drainage, etc.

After carefully considering the plan, the Council were in favor of the scheme being carried out, but as doing so will involve the expenditure of a large sum, they decided that the plans, etc., should be submitted to the Ratepayers for their approval, and that a Resolution recommending the adoption of the scheme should be brought forward at the Annual Meeting.

The Council are in favour of the roads marked A & J in the schedule being made at once, but the others may be allowed to stand over in the meantime.

With regard to the value put upon the land, the Council desire to point out that when Hongkew was amalgamated with this Settlement, it came under the Land Regulations, which provide that the land required for roads shall be surrendered free of cost, and that in the agreement made in 1862 between Mr. SEWARD, U.S. Consul-General, and the Taotai, there is the following clause:—"The Municipal Authority may lay out roads and streets, and all land acquired subsequent to the date of this agreement shall be subject to the proviso expressed, or understood, that the renter shall surrender the land required for roads to the public use."

The Council consider that it is evident from this clause that it was intended that land for roads in Hongkew should be surrendered free of cost, and it was upon this basis that they decided to recommend the scheme to the Ratepayers, but at the same time it seems to them to be only fair that owners who have paid Municipal Taxes on their land for several years should have some compensation made to them when they surrender part of it for a road, and it may therefore be necessary to enter into negotiations with some owners for such portions of their land as may be required.

Shanghai, 2nd April 1887.

Re Proposed New Roads North of Soochow Creek.

SIR,—We beg to hand you herewith a plan showing proposed new Roads on the North bank of the Soochow Creek in Hongkew, and being extensions of the North Soochow Road and Shansi Road.

The owners have authorised us to lay before you the proposal and have agreed to surrender to public use the land necessary for the extension of the North Soochow Road, as tinted red on the plan, free of charge provided the Council will execute the necessary bunding on the Creek, form and brick the road as soon as practicable, and metal, curb and drain the same as soon as the condition of the properties abutting thereon render this necessary or desirable. This road is about 700 feet long by 30 feet wide and the only portion left for arrangement by the Council is the strip coloured yellow on plan, opposite the Chinese Temple, which, although now used as a road, will require to be formally surrendered to public use by the Chinese authorities. The line of bunding has been approved by your surveyor, and the actual curves will be set out on the ground with him if finally settled.

We are also authorised by the owners to offer you a 30-foot road as coloured blue on the plan running from the Soochow Creek back into the country a distance of about 900 feet, on the same terms as above (exclusive of bunding) provided the Council will erect a bridge across the Creek to connect this road with the Shanse Road.

A bridge in this position is now urgently needed as the distance between the Honan Road and Fokien Road bridges is very considerable, and this would then render the Shanse Road a valuable thoroughfare.

The new road last mentioned almost equally divides the distance between the North Honan and North Fokien Roads, and there is no road of any description in the neighbourhood at present although the traffic is heavy over the Chinese foot-paths.

The only charges in connection with this scheme will be professional fees for negotiating with the owners and surrendering the land, which will not amount to a large sum.

We would venture to request the Council to give the matter their early consideration, and are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

MORRISON & GRATTON.

The CHAIRMAN of the Shanghai
Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 21st May 1887.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that the Council propose making arrangements to bund the North side of the Soochow Creek between the North Honan and Fokien road bridges and for continuing the North Soochow road along the new bunding.

For the purpose of making the road the owners of a portion of the Lots along the Creek have agreed to surrender, free of cost, strips of their properties 30 feet in width, and I have now to request that you will inquire if the Taotai will surrender a similar strip in front of the Chinese Temple situated at the corner of the North Honan road.

Inclosed is an plan showing the strip required, coloured pink, measuring 140 ft. by 33, or say *Om. 7f. 0l. 0h.* This strip has always been used as a public road, and should the Taotai have any objection, or be unable to make a formal surrender of it, it would perhaps be sufficient if he, on behalf of the Native Authorities, could give some guarantee that it will always remain, as at present, open for public use.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,

H.B.M. Consul-General and
Senior Consul.

Shanghai, 25th May 1887.

GENTLEMEN,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd April enclosing plan showing proposed new roads on the North bank of the Soochow Creek, being extensions of the North Soochow and Shanse roads.

Your letter and plan have been submitted to the Council, who in reply desire me to inform you that they have addressed the Senior Consul requesting him to ask the Taotai if he will surrender the strip of land in front of the Chinese Temple at the corner of the North Honan road or give some guarantee that it will always remain, as at present, open for public use.

Should the Taotai agree to this, and provided that no objection is made by the Native Authorities to the proposed bunding of the Creek; the Council will accept the surrender of the land required for the extension of the North Soochow road and will execute the necessary bunding of the Creek, form and brick the road as soon as possible, and will metal, curb and drain it whenever the condition of the properties abutting on it renders this necessary or desirable.

With regard to the proposed North Shanse road, the Council will be glad to accept the surrender of the strip of land required for it on the same terms as above, but they are unable at present to give a definite promise that they will build the bridge across the Soochow Creek as proposed; they will however undertake to submit the proposal to the Ratepayers at the Annual Meeting with a recommendation that the bridge should be erected, and they will make provision for it in the Budget for next year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

Messrs. MORRISON & GRATTON,
Shanghai.

Shanghai, 28th May 1887.

Re Proposed New Roads North of Soochow Creek.

SIR,—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 25th instant, No. 87/210, and in reply thereto to say that having received the approval of the owners of the property, we are prepared to arrange for the surrender of the land necessary for the extension of the North Soochow road, provided the Chinese authorities surrender the strip in front of the Temple. And also to say that your

recommendation to the Ratepayers, and the fact that you include the cost of the proposed bridge in the Budget, is sufficient to authorise us to arrange for the surrender of the land necessary for the extension of Shanse road at the same time as the road first above mentioned.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

MORRISON & GRATTON.

The CHAIRMAN of the Shanghai
Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 21st July 1887.

Re New Roads North of Soochow Creek.

DEAR SIR,—We are requested by the owners of the land through which a road was lately accepted by the Council to ask if the approval of the Chinese authorities has yet been obtained, and also at what time it may be considered probable that the road will be set out, as houses are now being erected to face the new roads. This refers principally to the road on the north bank of the Creek.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

MORRISON & GRATTON.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 27th July 1887.

GENTLEMEN,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, which has been submitted to the Council, who in reply direct me to inform you that the consent of the Chinese Authorities to the proposed bunding of the Soochow Creek has not yet been obtained, but the Taotai has agreed to the

extension of the North Soochow road in front of the Tien-how Temple, and the Surveyor has been instructed to lay out this line of road as far as the proposed extension of the North Shanse road.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

Messrs. MORRISON & GRATTON,
Shanghai.

H.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 26th July 1887.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 21st May last, I have the honour to state that at an interview yesterday afternoon the Taotai consented to the making of a road in front of the T'ien Hou Temple on the following conditions:—

The present line of stone bunding is to be followed, and no advance creekwards is to be made, but the Council may pull down and rebund with stone the Chinese stone bunding if they please. The space occupied by the steps within the present stone bunding line may be filled in.

A strong wooden jetty with double steps, sufficient for a large boat traffic, to be put up by the Council outside the present bunding line.

The road to be of the width desired in the Council's letter, as nearly parallel as may be with the present bund line; and the Council to arrange privately with the Chinese owner of the lumber-yard adjoining the Temple if any part of his fence is to be removed.

I am writing to the Taotai to say that I have given you the foregoing information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
*H.B.M.'s Consul-General
and Senior Consul.*

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 28th July 1887.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant intimating that the Taotai had verbally consented to the making of a road in front of the Tien Hou Temple on certain conditions which have the full approval of the Council, who will instruct their Surveyor to see that they are strictly complied with.

The Council hope that the Taotai will confirm in writing this verbal agreement, and they beg that you will convey to him their thanks for his having so readily complied with their request.

The Council desire me to tender to you their best thanks for having arranged this matter in such a satisfactory manner.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,

Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,

H.B.M. Consul-General and

Senior Consul.

Shanghai, 28th July 1887.

SIR,—Referring to the letter which I had the honour of addressing to you on the 21st May I now beg to forward to you the accompanying plan of the proposed bunding of the Soochow Creek between the North Honan and North Fuhkien road bridges, and I have to request that you will submit the plan to the Taotai and obtain his consent to the work as proposed being commenced at once.

I would point out to you that the proposed line of bunding does not extend beyond the low-water mark, and that it will form a continuous line with the bunding to the East of the Honan road bridge.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,

Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,

H.B.M. Consul-General and

Senior Consul.

H.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 4th August 1887.

SIR,—Referring to your letter of the 28th July, in which you express a hope that the Taotai will confirm in writing the verbal agreement which he made with me on the subject of the roadway in front of the Tien Hou Temple, I have now the honour to forward translation of a communication just received, in which the Taotai puts on record the details of the agreement in question.

Trusting this will be satisfactory to the Council.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
*H.B.M. Consul-General and
Senior Consul.*

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

[*Translation.*]

Shanghai, 3rd August 1887.

SIR,—I have received your note of the 16th July, with reference to the public road in front of the Tien Hou Kung, stating that, as I had sent officers to examine the spot in conjunction with your own, you would like to know if the road could be constructed as proposed.

I directed the deputies to hasten with their report, and have now received a representation from the Magistrates and deputies to the effect that they had made enquiry and proceeded to examine the spot in company with Mr. Interpreter Parker and had found that the land in question lay in front of the Tien Hou Kung and was not included in the unused land behind leased by Yeh Ch'êng-chung. That nearly parallel with the creek there was a bamboo fence, and that the land indicated by the Council was unoccupied land without the fence, which land, running east and west, had already practically been a public road, free to foreigners and Chinese alike without reserve. As to the stone embankment lining the creek there, it is strong enough; but as the Council now seem to fear that the carriage traffic might shake it, their proposal to make it stronger may be acceded to; but they must not carry it out further than before, to the undue encroachment upon

Government waters. Their proposal to fill in the gap formed by the stone steps, and to substitute a fresh wooden landing-place outside the bunding, will in no way interfere with the boat traffic or water communications; but as wood is not so strong a material as stone, the Council should be directed to mend or reconstruct it as occasion may require. The unused Government land outside the fence is 152 English feet long, 37 feet broad at the east end, and 31 feet at the west, forming a total area of 0702 Chinese acres: if the road is now made 30 English feet broad at each end, this will be 0633 Chinese acres, leaving outside the fence 0069 of an acre, as by map enclosed in their report to me.

As the Government land in question is already practically a public road for the use of Chinese and foreigners alike, the present proposal of the Council to reconstruct the bunding along the creek for the convenience of carriage and foot traffic is a very excellent one, and is hereby approved.

But apart from its use as a public road, the Council must never put the land in question to other uses, nor will they be allowed to fill in without permission the Government creek by extending the bunding outwards, to the injury of our water communications.

I have directed the magistrate and deputy to affix boundary stones marking out, according to the present measurement, a breadth of 30 English feet, or 0633 acres, for a public road, open to the traffic of Chinese and foreigners alike, the remaining 0069 of an acre being entrusted by the magistrate to the care of the *tipao*.

In forwarding you this reply, I beg that you will instruct the Council accordingly.

I have, etc.,

KÜNG,

Taotai.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,

H.B.M. Consul-General and
Senior Consul.

[Translation.]

Shanghai, 11th August 1887.

SIR,—I have received your note of the 9th instant, informing me that the Municipal Council propose to make a road along the north bank of the Soochow Creek, between the railway and Louza Bridge, in continuation of the North Soochow Road, and asking me to instruct the Magistrate and Deputy to inspect the site and render assistance. I have also received the map accompanying your letter. Judging from the map I observe that the Council's proposed new road is

beyond, or outside of, the old bank, and that they wish to make the road by filling in the recent deposit outside of the said bank. Though this may be advantageous for traffic, yet the creek has recently silted up so as to become very shallow, and must be very soon deepened; the accretion near the banks being included in what should be excavated: so that the building of a road will obstruct the water-course. Moreover, the Woosung Creek, *alias* the Soochow Creek, is the chief artery of the inner waters of Kiang-su and Che-kiang Provinces: it must have a good broad area in order that the accumulated waters of the inner creeks may have free drainage; otherwise injurious inundations must follow, a matter which concerns the crop-producing land of thousands upon thousands of the people of the interior. It is, therefore, not expedient to lightly consider the filling in of such a road, in such a way as might provoke the public anger, and give rise to trouble.

Still, as you have written to ask me to order an inspection, I have instructed the Shanghai Magistrate and the Deputy Wang to proceed to the spot and carefully examine the site. On the receipt of their report I will address you again.

I have &c.,

(Signed) KUNG,
Taotai.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General
and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, 8th October 1887.

SIR,—Referring to the letter which I addressed to you on the 28th July handing you for reference to the Taotai a plan of the proposed bunding of the Soochow Creek between the North Honan and North Fokien roads, I have now the honour to inform you that the proposed line was inspected by the Taotai on the 8th September, when he objected to it as extending too far into the Creek, and it was then agreed that the line should be set back.

In accordance with this arrangement a new plan has been prepared by the Municipal Surveyor, which I now send you, from which you will see that the line has been set back fully 18 to 20 feet, and that it is now proposed to bund only as far as the Shanse road until arrangements can be made which will allow the line of bunding to be carried past Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.'s Filature without encroaching upon the Creek.

I have the honour to request that you will submit this plan to the Taotai and obtain his consent to the bunding, as now proposed, being commenced at once.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,

Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,

H.B.M. Consul-General,
and Senior Consul.

H.B.M.'s Consulate,

Shanghai, 19th October 1887.

SIR,—Referring to your letters of the 7th and 8th instant, the receipt of which I have already acknowledged, I now beg to hand you translation of a letter from the Taotai, in reply to my communications on the various subjects which, as you requested, have been brought to his notice.

With regard to the bunding of the Soochow Creek from North Honan road to North Shansi road, you will observe that the High Provincial Authorities being about to send an officer of rank to report upon the waterway, and draw up a plan for dredging operations, the Taotai desires to wait his arrival before taking any further steps. The Taotai has verbally stated to me that he thinks that a satisfactory arrangement can then be made, and he has promised to ask that the inspecting officer be despatched on his mission as soon as possible.

As to the proposed new road, extending West from Honan road, the Taotai practically assents to the proposal of the Council. He cannot order Ching Chong to remove the houses recently built, but he has no objection to your arranging with the owner for their removal.

Finally, as to the draining, lighting, etc., of the North Honan road, the greater part of which is the property of the Chinese Government, and which, it will be seen, is called by the Taotai a Government road, the Taotai states that Ching Chong, who is the lessee of the adjoining property, is willing to do what is required at his own expense. I understand, however, from what fell from the Taotai in conversation, that these matters can also be arranged directly with Ching Chong, who is not likely to object to the proposed action of the Council.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,

Consul-General and Senior Consul.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council,
Shanghai.

PROPOSED ROAD

Letter on Plan.	Road.	Situation.	Width in Feet.	Estimated Area.	Owners' Value of Land, etc.
A	North Shansi	Connecting North Soochow and Tiendong road extension	30	<i>m. f. l. h.</i> 5 0 0 0	<i>Taels m.c.</i> ...
B	Tiendong ...	Between North Honan and North Shansi road extension	30	2 6 0 0	1,500.00
C	North Soochow	Between North Honan and North Shansi road extension	30	4 0 0 0	9,200.00*
D	North Kiangse	North of Tiendong road ...	30	3 2 0 0	1,146.00†
E	New Road .	Between North Szechuen and North Kiangse roads; parallel to Tiendong road	30	3 4 0 0	1,221.00†
F	North Szechuen	Between Boone and Quinsan road extensions... ..	40	4 0 0 0	1,432.00†
G	Quinsan ...	Connecting Woosung road and North Szechuen road extension	30	3 0 0 0	1,074.00†
H	Boone	Connecting Chapoo and North Szechuen road extension	30	3 5 0 0	1,253.00†
J	Woochang .	Connecting Chapoo and North Szechuen roads...	30	3 0 0 0	1,574.00†
K	New Road...	Connecting Woosung and Miller road extension ...	30	1 7 0 0	...
L	Quinsan ...	Connecting Woosung and Miller road extension ...	30	2 0 0 0	...
M	Miller	North of Hanbury road and parallel to Woosung road	30	4 0 0 0	...
<i>Carried forward...</i>			...	39 4 0 0	18,400.00

* Including bunding.

† Proportionate cost.

EXTENSIONS, HONGKEW.

Cost of Bricking, Raising, etc.	Total cost Exclusive of Drainage.	Proposed by		Remarks.
<i>Taels m.c.</i> 1,200.00	<i>Taels m.c.</i> 1,200.00	Messrs. Morrison & Gratton.		Land surrendered free.
770.00	2,270.00	Municipal Council		Land surrendered free. Tls. 1,500 to be paid as compensation for removal of houses, etc.
1,000.00	10,200.00	Messrs. Morrison & Gratton.		Land surrendered free ex- cepting a portion measuring about 1m.2f.5l.0h. at Tls. 1,750 per mow, say Tls. 2,200.
500.00	1,646.00	Do.	do.	Messrs. Morrison & Gratton's scheme embracing D. E. F. G. H. & J. is at a total cost of Tls. 7,200. This amount has been divided proportionately between the different roads.
500.00	1,721.00	Do.	do.	
1,200.00	2,632.00	Do.	do.	
900.00	1,974.00	Do.	do.	
1,000.00	2,253.00	Do.	do.	
900.00	2,474.00	Do.	do.	Tls. 500 to be paid as com- pensation to the Odani Koshio Hongangi included.
600.00	600.00	T. W. Kingsmill, Esq.	...	Land surrendered free.
1,000.00	1,000.00	Do.	do.	Land surrendered free. Tls. 1,000 includes compen- sation for removal of houses, etc.
1,300.00	1,300.00	Do.	do.	Land surrendered free.
10,870.00	29,270.00			

PROPOSED ROAD

Letter on Plan.	Road.	Situation.	Width in Feet.	Estimated Area.	Owners' Value of Land, etc.
		<i>Brought forward ...</i>		<i>m. f. l. h.</i> 39 4 0 0	<i>Taels m.c.</i> 18,400.00
N	Hanbury ...	From ^e Hongkew Creek to beyond Yuen-fong road.	30	7 4 0 0	7,500.00*
O	Yuen-fong .	Between Seward and Hanbury road extension ...	30	4 5 0 0	800.00
P	New Road .	Connecting Seward and Yangtze-poo roads ...	40	6 4 3 0 f	5,000.00
				57 7 3 0	*31,700.00

* Including Tls. 6,000 for bridge.

31st October 1887.

EXTENSIONS, HONGKEW.

Cost of Bricking, Raising, etc.	Total cost Exclusive of Drainage.	Proposed by	Remarks.
<i>Taels m.c.</i> 10,870.00	<i>Taels m.c.</i> 29,270.00		
2,300.00	9,800.00	Chü-yu-chee... ..	5m. 1f. 9l. 1h. surrendered free by Chü-yu-chee, 2m. 2f. 0l. 9h. to be arranged for.
1,300.00	2,100.00	A. M. A. Evans, Esq. ...	
2,000.00	7,000.00	Messrs. Morrison & Gratton.	Tls. 2,500 to be paid as com- pensation to Dr. Henderson for nearly 3½ mow, and for the balance of land from natives, including removal of graves, say Tls. 2,500.
16,470.00	48,170.00		

C. B. CLARK,

Surveyor.

HONGKEW SURVEY.

On the 8th January last, the Council received from Mr. DOWDALL the remaining sheets of the plan on the scale of 50 feet to an inch, with the exception of the sheets of the portion surveyed by Mr. JURGENS, which Mr. DOWDALL was then verifying.

The plan has since been under examination, but has not yet been finally accepted.

The reduced plan to the scale of 200 feet to an inch was sent in on the 11th June, but the second copy of the plan, showing the boundaries of each property on which Municipal taxes are paid, with the areas within compound walls as ascertained by measurement on the plan, marked in mows and decimals on it, has not yet been received.

Shanghai, 11th June 1887.

Hongkew Survey.

SIR,—I send you herewith the reduced Plan of Hongkew to the scale of 200 feet to 1 inch.

This completes the work with the exception of putting the Municipal Numbers on the properties shewn on the second copy.

I shall be obliged if you will send me the sheets of the second copy for this purpose, or if more convenient to the Municipal Surveyor, I will come to his office and arrange the numbers with him.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. M. DOWDALL.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

 EURASIAN SCHOOL.

Report of the Eurasian School, Hongkew, 1887.

Shanghai, January 5th, 1888.

DEAR SIR,—In sending our annual application for a continuance of the grant so kindly made by the Municipal Council and the Ratepayers towards the

maintenance of the Eurasian School, we beg to state that the work which has been carried on has given us entire satisfaction.

During the past year a change has been made in the staff of Teachers. Miss MELLOR resigned about Easter and Miss HOGAN was appointed in her place. We are happy to report that she has performed her duties with ability and success.

Though both Mrs. LANNING and Miss HOGAN have been laid aside at different times by severe illness, the work of the school has been carried on and has not suffered in consequence.

The number at present attending is 48,—42 boys and 6 girls,—and we expect several fresh scholars after the Chinese new year. As the school now has almost as many as it can accommodate, we consider that an enlargement of the premises is imperatively demanded, and we trust that an arrangement with Mr. HANBURY will be made for carrying this into effect. The balance of funds at our disposal will be applied to this object.

Five of the six boarders have been transferred to the Anglo-Chinese School as day scholars, where they are making rapid progress in their studies.

We have examined the scholars in the subjects in which they are taught, and can give a favourable account of their progress. Some of the boys shew considerable talent in drawing, and the hand-writing of the upper classes is particularly good. They work arithmetical problems as far as Practice and Fractions. The other subjects taught are Grammar, Geography, English History, Dictation and Scripture.

It is very evident, from the number attending and from the applications for admission, that there is great need for the Institution, and should we be able to increase the accommodation, as we hope to do, there will be no difficulty in finding additional scholars. We trust that our application for a renewal of the grant will receive your favourable consideration.

We enclose a statement of the accounts for the past year.

We remain,

Yours faithfully,

H. C. HODGES,
WM. MUIRHEAD,
ARTHUR E. MOULE.

To the Chairman
of the Municipal Council.

RECEIPTS.

1887.					
Jan. 1st.	To Balance on hand ...	...	...	...	\$ 477.10
Dec. 31st.	" Boarders to date ...	...	...	...	" 1,431.00
	" Day Scholars ...	...	...	...	" 607.50
	" Sale of Books, etc. ...	...	...	...	" 78.75
	" Municipal Council ...	...	...	...	" 1,200.00
	" Bank Interest ...	...	...	...	" 21.20
					<u>\$ 3,815.55</u>

EXPENDITURE.

By Teachers...	...	...	...	...	\$ 960 00
" Board for Scholars	...	...	...	"	564.00
" Servants	...	...	...	"	444.00
" Fuel and Light	...	...	...	"	103.90
" Washing	...	...	...	"	120.00
" Clothing, Shoes, etc.	...	...	...	"	156.00
" School Material, etc.	...	...	...	"	44.05
" Rates and Repairs	...	...	...	"	90.90
" Anglo-Chinese School	...	...	...	"	403.16
" School Treat	...	...	...	"	52.70
" Insurance	...	...	...	"	27.70
" Medicines	...	...	...	"	12.50
" Water	...	...	...	"	11.00
" Various	...	...	...	"	22.30
" Balance to n/a	...	...	...	"	<u>803.34</u> <u>3,815.55</u>

1888					
Jan. 1st.	To Balance p. o/a ...	...	...	...	<u>\$ 803.34</u>

E. & O. E.

WM. MUIRHEAD,
Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,
 C. THORNE.

7th January 1888.

CROWDS AT FIRES.

The annexed correspondence refers to the annoyance and inconvenience to which the members of the Fire Brigade are subjected at Fires by the foreigners and natives who crowd in upon them and interfere with the proper performance of their duties.

Shanghai, 18th January 1887.

SIR,—As there has been considerable confusion at fires of late in consequence of foreigners crowding on the necessary space required by the Firemen for the proper performance of their duties, I am directed by the Fire Commission to request that the Council will give strict instructions to the Police not to allow any persons within the police lines at fires unless they are officers or officials wearing the uniform, or a badge, of the Fire Department; and the Commission also request the Council to give as much publicity to this notification as possible.

I am also directed to state that it is the intention to the Fire Commission to issue badges of the Fire Department to Owners, Agents and others interested in property within the Settlements so that there may be no hindrance to any person going within the police lines at a fire in which their property may be endangered.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. A. POND,

Secretary.

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 26th January 1887.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, which has been submitted to the Council, who in reply direct me to inform you that the Police have been instructed not to allow any persons within their lines at fires except firemen in uniform and those wearing badges, which you state the Fire Department intend issuing to Owners, Agents and others interested in properties in the Settlement.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

J. A. POND, Esq.,

Secretary, Fire Commission.

The new badges were issued early in the year, and since then the Police have had instructions not to allow any one unprovided with a badge to pass within their lines on the occasion of a fire.

DRAGS AND GRAPPLING-IRONS.

The attention of the Council having been directed to the number of deaths from drowning which occur here in the course of the year, and the want of any kind of apparatus to assist in rescuing those who may fall into the river from any of the pontoons in the Settlement, it was some time since decided to provide drags and grappling-irons and to have them placed at different stations along the Bund, so as to be available in case of an accident occurring.

Four sets of drags, etc., have now been provided, and by kind permission they have been placed as follows:—

1 set on the Pontoon in front of the premises of the China and Japan Trading Co.

1 set at the Customs' Shed.

1 „ „ Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s lodge.

1 „ „ premises of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha in Hongkew.

A life-buoy has also been placed at the Customs' Shed.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

In compliance with a suggestion from some members of the Community an Iron Drinking Fountain was placed in July last upon one of the pillars of the Public Garden at the end of the Peking road.

AMBULANCE.

An ambulance has been provided, to be available in case of accidents, the use of which can be obtained upon application at the Central Police Station, and two others have been ordered out from home, which are expected to arrive in a short time, one for the Hongkew, and the other for the Louza Police Station.

REMOVAL OF GARBAGE, ETC.

The contract made in 1886 will expire on the 30th September 1888. The contractor has performed his work in a satisfactory manner during the year, and in order to facilitate the removal of garbage from this Settlement he has been allowed the use of an additional boat, and two or three coolies, whilst the garbage collected in Hongkew is now shot from the carts into a scow moored in the Creek, instead of being deposited, as formerly, upon the Fearon road, where it remained until in it was removed by boats into the country.

STUD CONTRACT.

The contract with Messrs. SYMONS, SEWJEE & Co. for the supply of the ponies required for Municipal purposes expired on the 31st December, and a new agreement has been made with them for two years from 1st January 1888 to 31st December 1889, on the same terms and conditions as under the former contract, and for the same number of ponies, viz., 55 draught ponies at Tls. 13 each per month, and 4 harness ponies at Tls. 15 each.

MUNICIPAL STAFF.

Legal Adviser.—The agreement with Mr. A. ROBINSON to act as Legal Adviser to the Council was renewed for another year from the 1st March 1887 to the 29th February 1888.

Accountant.—Mr. POND having been granted leave for nine months at the beginning of the year, an arrangement was made with Mr. DRUMMOND HAY to act as Accountant during his absence; and the Council have much pleasure in putting on record that Mr. HAY performed the duties entrusted to him to their entire satisfaction.

Mr. POND returned from leave in November last, and resumed his post as Accountant.

Assistant in Nuisance Department.—The Council have to regret the death of Mr. PETERS, in July last, who had been Assistant in the Nuisance Department since 1874. In recognition of his long service, and of the satisfactory manner in which he always performed his duties, a gratuity of Tls. 370, or six months' pay, was granted to his widow.

A. G. WOOD.—*Chairman.*

M. ADLER.

F. D. BUSH.

TH. BIEBER.

D. A. DARLING.

YEEND DUER.

H. H. JOSEPH.

R. DE MALHERBE.

G. J. MORRISON.

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

SHANGHAI, 31st January 1888.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWN BAND.

THE BOARD.

Messrs. J. COOPER and M. M. MOSES resigned during the year, and their places have been filled by Messrs. P. BRUNAT and H. H. JOSEPH, Members of the two Municipalities.

The Committee at present consists of the following gentlemen :—

Messrs. G. R. CORNER, *Chairman*.

P. BRUNAT,

G. HARLING,

H. H. JOSEPH,

R. DE MALHERBE,

J. L. SCOTT,

E. G. VOUILLEMONT.

AGREEMENTS.

The agreements of the Bandmaster, Signor VELA, and the musicians terminated on the 30th September last. The Bandmaster and 18 of the musicians having expressed their willingness to sign a new agreement, the Committee addressed a letter to the Council on the 26th August, recommending that fresh contracts should be made in both cases for 2 years and 9 months from October 1st, thus bringing the termination of the agreements to the 30th June 1890 and within a reasonable period of the date of the Ratepayers' Meeting of that year. The Committee also recommended that Mr. COSTA's services should

be engaged for a similar term, as he is very useful, and would be specially instructed by Signor VELA to take charge of and conduct the Band in cases of emergency.

The Council fully concurred in the recommendations of the Committee, and new contracts have been signed on the terms before stated.

The Band is now composed of 1 Bandmaster and 20 musicians. The Committee are of opinion that it would be desirable for the effectiveness of the Band to obtain three more musicians from Manila; thus bringing the strength up to 23 men, and propose taking steps to obtain the men next Spring, so as to have them properly trained in time for the open-air concerts next Summer.

MUSIC AND INSTRUMENTS.

A Repertoire of the Band, compiled by Mr. D. HAY, Acting Secretary, has been printed during the year. It comprises, for the full Military Band, 32 Overtures and Symphonies, 72 Selections from Operas, 59 unclassified pieces, 83 Military and other Marches, 107 Waltzes, 58 Polkas, Mazurkas, etc., 24 Galops and 22 Quadrilles; and for the Orchestral Band, 18 Overtures, Symphonies, and unclassified pieces, 137 Waltzes and 77 other pieces of Dance Music. The total number of pieces being 671.

Nearly all of the musical instruments are in good order. It will be necessary to purchase a few new instruments next year, the cost of which will be about ₱s. 40.

AGREEMENT WITH THE TRUSTEES OF THE RECREATION FUND FOR HIRE OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, ETC.

The Committee are glad to state that the Council have settled the claim of the Trustees of the Recreation Fund for hire of musical instruments, furniture, music, etc., made by the Committee of 1881.

QUARTERS FOR THE MUSICIANS.

The old quarters of the musicians having been found unsuitable, the Committee have rented comfortable houses for the men and a large room for practice.

REVISED TARIFF OF CHARGES.

A revised tariff of charges, on a reduced scale, for hire of the Band has been made during the year.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

The net Expenditure for the year has been Taels 5,780.03, against Taels 5,878.56 in 1886, being Taels 219.97 less than the appropriation voted by the Ratepayers. The receipts for private performances of the Band have been Tls. 1,417.78, against Tls. 1,361.76 in 1886.

The Accounts for this year and Estimate for 1888, will be found on pages 208 and 209.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The Band played 129 times during the year in the Public Garden and in the Garden of the French Municipal Council, and 5 times on the Cricket Ground.

With the exception of one man, who had to be sent back to Manila, the health of the Musicians has been very good, and their conduct excellent, no cause of complaint having been received during the year. Signor VELA's Report for the year is appended.

Shanghai, le 31 Décembre 1887.

RAPPORT AU TOWN BAND COMITÉ.

MESSIEURS,

J'ai l'honneur de vous soumettre le rapport suivant sur les procédés de la Musique Municipale pendant l'année qui vient de finir.

La Musique a continué, ainsi que l'orchestre à remplir son devoir, soit en public, soit dans les services particuliers à ma complète satisfaction, et je me fais un plaisir de vous donner ici dessous la liste des services rendus par la Town Band aussi que par l'orchestre.

TOWN BAND.

				Services,
Jardin de la Concession Anglaise	...			124
Jardin de la Concession Française	...			25
Jours de Courses	...	...	...	9
„ Régates...	...	...	...	2
Cricket Club	...	...	...	5
Athletic Club	...	...	...	2
Country Club	...	...	...	4
				171

ORCHESTRE.

Services Particuliers	...	...	...	29
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Le Répertoire que j'ai fait exécuter par la "Town Band" a été de :

Ouvertures	...	...	...	...	23
Fantaisies sur des Opéras	...	...	...	...	70
Valses	...	...	...	...	98
Quadrilles	...	...	...	...	23
Polkas	...	...	...	...	17
Galops	...	...	...	...	11
Divers Morceaux	...	...	...	...	26

Je tiens aussi à informer l'honorable Comité de la "Town Band" que pendant l'été le Musicien qui jouait de l'Euphonion, tomba sévèrement malade, et après l'avis du Dr. MACLEOD il fut décidé de le renvoyer chez lui.

Son départ fut une grande perte pour moi, parce que en dehors d'être un très bon Musicien, il était le seul capable de jouer la Contrebasse dans l'orchestre.

J'eus cependant la chance d'engager un musicien qui jouait de l'Euphonion et à qui pendant l'été j'ai donné des leçons de Contrebasse.

Il en a profité si bien, que j'ai pu le présenter au public à la première représentation de la A.D.C., et après dans tous les extras où l'Orchestre avait été demandé.

Aux premier d'Octobre Mr. COSTA, qui auparavant faisait le doublé service de policeman et de Musicien, a quitté la police pour se dédier complètement à la Musique. Comme il est bon Musicien, je lui ai donné, et je continue toujours à lui donner, tous mes soins, afin qu'il puisse pendant mon absence me remplacer dans la direction de la "Town Band."

En croyant avoir rempli mon devoir, je prie Messieurs les Membres du Comité de la "Town Band" de vouloir accepter l'expression de ma haute considération.

CHEVALIER MELCHIOR VELA.

MESSIEURS LES MEMBRES DU COMITÉ

DE LA "TOWN BAND."

SHANGHAI TOWN BAND.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1887.

EXPENDITURE.

Pay of Bandmaster	Tls. 1,800.00
„ Secretary	300.00
„ Musicians	5,061.88
„ „ for Extra Services	550.53
Rent of houses for musicians and for Band practice...	264.27
Repairs to musical instruments	8.72
Music and music paper	110.89
Wages of coolie	34.85
Advertising and printing	101.89
Coal, gas and oil	112.86
Taxes	30.54
Medicines and Hospital charges	14.46
Fire insurance	12.50
Passages of time-expired musicians to Manila, and of new men from Manila	172.37
Jin-rik-sha hire and miscellaneous charges	122.05
	8,697.81

Deduct:

French Municipal Council Appropriation	Tls. 1,500.00
For Services of the Band	1,475.86
Less Outstanding Account 1886	58.08
	Tls. ... 5,780.03

J. A. POND,

*Secretary,**Band Committee.*

SHANGHAI TOWN BAND.

ESTIMATE FOR 1888.

Pay :

Secretary	Tls	300.00
Bandmaster	,,	1,800.00
Musicians	,,	5,600.00
„ for Extra Services	,,	500.00
Rent of houses for musicians and for Band practice... ..	,,	250.00
Purchase of new instruments	,,	40.00
New Music	,,	75.00
Advertising and printing	,,	75.00
Coal	,,	100.00
Medicines and Hospital charges	,,	50.00
Fire insurance	,,	12.50
Passages of men from Manila	,,	50.00
Jin-rik-sha hire and miscellaneous charges	,,	147.50
		9,000.00

Deduct :

French Municipal Council Appropriation	,,	1,500.00
For Services of the Band	,,	1,500.00
		3,000.00
	Tals.	6,000.00

REPORT OF THE FIRE COMMISSION

for the year 1887.

THE Fire Commission beg to submit the following report of the proceedings of the Fire Department for the year 1887.

THE BOARD.

The following gentlemen comprise the Board, being the same as in 1886:

Messrs. A. McLEOD...	...Chairman.
C. J. ASHLEY	...Chief Engineer.
R. F. THORBURN	...Sec. Municipal Council.
J. BONABEAU	...Sec. French Municipal Council.

OFFICERS.

At the annual election of officers held on the 29th December 1886, the following gentlemen were returned to serve for 1887:

Messrs. C. J. ASHLEY	...	...Chief Engineer.
L. MOORE	...	...Second District Engineer.
A. TEILLOL...	...	...Third do.

The Commission regret to record the death of Mr. A. TEILLOL, Third District Engineer. The office of the deceased gentleman was filled by Mr. C. BLONDIN.

Mr. L. MOORE having been granted leave of absence, Mr. G.W. NOËL was elected Second District Engineer in his place.

The following gentlemen were elected for 1888, on the 29th December 1887 :

Messrs. C. J. ASHLEY	...	... <i>Chief Engineer.</i>
G. W. NOEL	...	... <i>Second District Engineer.</i>
C. BLONDIN	...	... <i>Third do.</i>

No officer was elected for District Engineer for Hongkew.

POLICE REGULATIONS AT FIRES.

In consequence of the confusion caused by foreigners crowding on the necessary space required by the firemen at fires, and with a view to put a stop to the inconvenience, the Commission addressed letters to the two Municipalities asking them to issue instructions to the Police not to allow any persons within the lines at fires unless in uniform or wearing a badge of the Fire Brigade. The two Councils have kindly issued the necessary instructions much to the convenience and effective working of the Brigade.

WATER-HYDRANTS.

Considerable expense, inconvenience, and delay has been caused at fires in consequence of persons putting stones in the water-hydrants, and the Commission have addressed a letter to the Council on the subject asking them to devise some means which will do away with this serious drawback to the efficiency of the Brigade. The hydrants have proved most useful in stopping the spread of fires on several occasions during the year.

The thanks of the community are due to the officers and men of the various men-of-war in port for their assistance at fires, and to the police, who have rendered valuable services.

PLANT.

The Steam-Launch has been thoroughly overhauled and is in perfect working order. A spare hose-truck has been reconstructed and fitted with 500 feet of delivery hose.

The present distribution of hose is the same as last year, viz. :—

No. 2 Engine Station, Hongkew,	1,200 feet "Eureka" rubber hose.
" 4 " Eng. Sett.,	1,200 " " "
" 6 " Fr. Conces.,	1,800 " " "
Victoria Fire-Engine, Eng. Sett.,	1,200 " " "
No. 1 Hook and Ladder Truck,	
English Settlement,	400 " " "
	500 " carbolized "
" 2 Hook and Ladder Truck,	
Hongkew	450 " " "
	50 " rubber hose.
Steam Fire-Launch	700 " "
East Gate Station, Fr. Concession	400 " carbolized rubber hose.
West " " "	400 " " "

ACCOMMODATION FOR CREW OF THE STEAM-LAUNCH.

The accommodation kindly provided for the crew of the Steam-Launch on board of the Police hulk not being longer available, the Commission have had to purchase and fit up a house-boat for their use.

JUBILEE FIRE-PARADE.

A very successful parade of the Brigade was held on the occasion of the "Queen's Jubilee."

FIRES.

During the first three quarters of the year there were very few fires, but unfortunately during the last quarter they were of frequent occurrence.

The most serious fire occurred on the night of the 8th December, when 77 houses were burned, in the North Soochow and Tiendong roads.

The following table gives the number of fires, houses burnt, etc., for 1886 and 1887:

			No. of Fires.	No. of General Alarms.	Houses burnt.
1887	...	...	62	17	156
1886	...	...	60	20	134
			—	—	—
Increase	...	...	2	...	22
			—	—	—
Decrease...	...	...	...	3	...

The usual Fire Record will be found on pages 217-224.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The contributions from Native Guilds amounts to Taels 1,425.20 against Taels 1,520 in 1886. The difference arises from the non-payment of subscription by the third-class Pawnbrokers, who have not a guild as they formerly had, and it has been found impossible to collect subscriptions from each of the many small Pawnbrokers in the Settlement.

ACCOUNTS.

The yearly statement of Accounts will be found on pages 214 and 215. The Expenditure has been Taels 7,059.60, against Taels 7,261.07 in 1886. The balance on 31st December (Taels 332.88) has been carried forward to next year.

DEPARTMENT.

Year ending 31st December 1887.

EXPENDITURE.						Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Pay :—Secretary	...	...	...	...	...	300.00	
Department Engineer	...	...	...	...	...	1,980.00	
Natives.—Engineers, Firemen and Watchmen, Blacksmith, Strikers and Carpenter	...	...	...	...	...	2,820.43	5,100.43
Clothing	...	...	...	...	...	276.44	
Coal, gas and oil	...	...	...	...	...	258.26	
Repairs to Engines and Plant	...	...	...	...	...	329.97	
Materials for Blacksmith's use	...	...	...	...	...	206.49	
Printing, Stationery and advertising	...	...	...	...	...	16.48	
Jubilee Parade	...	...	...	...	537.43		
Less—Received from Jubilee Committee	...	...	...	...	219.68	317.75	
Cost of House-boat for crew of Steam-Launch	...	...	...	...	...	113.26	
Rent	...	...	...	...	...	43.71	
50 S. F. D. badges	...	...	...	...	...	30.00	
Coolies at fires, and cleaning and drying hose	...	...	...	...	...	215.67	
Jin-rik-sha hire and miscellaneous charges	...	...	...	...	...	151.14	1,959.17
Balance on hand 31st December 1887	...	...	...	...	...		7,059.60 332.88
						Taels...	7,392.48

ESTIMATE FOR 1888.

*Estimated Receipts and Expenditure of the Shanghai Fire Department
from 1st January to 31st December 1888.*

RECEIPTS.

Shanghai Municipal Council ...	... Tls. 2,500.00
French ...	... " 750.00
Agents of the "Victoria" Fire Engine. ...	... " 1,182.00*
The Taotai ...	... " 400.00
Native Guilds ...	... " 1,420.00
Work for Shanghai Municipal Council. ...	... " 765.12
	7,017.12
Balance from 31st December 1887 ...	... Tls. 332.88
	Tls. 7,350.00

EXPENDITURE.

Salaries, Wages, etc. ...	... Tls. 5,100.00
Uniforms, Helmets and Belts ...	... " 200.00
Coal, gas and oil ...	... " 250.00
Repairs to Engines and plant ...	... " 350.00
Coolie hire at fires, etc. ...	... " 250.00
Material for Blacksmith's use ...	... " 200.00
Printing, Stationery and Advertising ...	... " 50.00
Miscellaneous Charges... ...	... " 150.00
	Tls. 6,550.00
Plant, Delivery Hose, Lamps, etc. ...	... " 800.00
	Tls. ... 7,350.00

* Tael 295.50 paid. Subscription to be discontinued after 31st March.

A. McLEOD, Chairman.	} Members of Fire Commission.
C. J. ASHLEY, Chief Engineer.	
R. F. THORBURN, Secretary, M.C.	
J. BONABEAU, Secretary, French M.C.	

J. A. POND,
Secretary.

SHANGHAI, December 31st, 1887.

FIRE RECORD, 1887.

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- January 1st.—5.20 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 41, Chili Road. Some straw got ignited in the cook-house. Put out by the inmates and Police. No general alarm given.
- January 2nd.—12.5 A.M. Fire broke out in unoccupied houses, Nos. 210 & 211, Tientsin Road. Six houses burnt. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.
- January 3rd.—12 midnight. Fire broke out at No. 434, Honan Road. Caused by a kerosine oil lamp falling and igniting stairway. Put out by the Police. No general alarm given.
- January 7th.—9 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 310, North Soochow Road. Caused by overheated stove-pipe. Put out by the inmates and Police. No general alarm given.
- January 18th.—3 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 4, Old China Street. Caused through woodwork in the chimney. Put out by the inmates and Police. No general alarm given.
- January 20th.—8.45 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 3, Old China Street. Caused through woodwork in the chimney. Put out by the inmates and Police. Damage trifling. No general alarm given.
- January 24th.—10 P.M. Fire broke out in the cook-house of No. 304, Fearon Road. Damage trifling. Extinguished by the inmates. No general alarm given.
- February 14th.—6.45 P.M. Fire broke out in a chimney at No. 1, Sungkiang Road, China and Japan Trading Co. Put out by the occupants. No general alarm given.

FIRE RECORD, 1887—*continued.*

February 17th.—11.30 P.M. Fire broke out at Nos. 131 & 132, corner of Yuenfong and New Seward Roads. Two houses were destroyed. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

March 2nd.—11.30 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 179, Chekiang Road. Incendiarism suspected. Put out by the Police. No general alarm given.

March 7th.—6.45 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 163, Nanzing Road. Caused by some clothing having caught fire. Damage trifling. Extinguished by the inmates. No general alarm given.

March 18th.—11.15 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 31, North Soochow Road. Supposed to have been caused by ashes falling from the stove on to the floor. Damage trifling. Put out by the occupants and neighbours. No general alarm given.

March 18th.—11.45 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 949, Chekiang Road, an unoccupied house. Incendiarism suspected. Put out by the Police and neighbours. No general alarm given.

March 19th.—6.45 P.M. Fire broke out in rear of premises of No. 476, Woo Hoo Road. Slight damage. Put out by the occupants. No general alarm given.

April 27th.—10 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 478, Chekiang Road. Nine houses burnt. Origin unknown. Put out by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

May 3rd.—2.30 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 71, Sungkiang Road. Some bamboo-shavings in a basket-maker's shop caught fire. Extinguished by the French Police, with hose from the French Station. Damage trifling. No general alarm given.

FIRE RECORD, 1887—*continued.*

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- May 11th.—2 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 258, Szechuen Road. Some fire-wood got ignited and burned on the floor in the cook-house. Slight damage. Put out by occupants and Police. No general alarm given.
- May 14th.—5.40 P.M. Fire broke out in the village near Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.'s Silk filature. Four small houses partly burnt and pulled down. Origin unknown. Put out by the Police and neighbours. No general alarm given.
- May 15th.—8.40 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 480, Fohkien Road. Caused through a kerosine oil lamp being upset. Put out by inmates. No general alarm given.
- May 18th.—11.45 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 51, Tientsin Road, unoccupied house. Damage trifling. Origin unknown. Put out by the Police and neighbours. No general alarm given.
- May 19th.—8.20 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 76, Hankow Road. Caused by burning Joss-paper. Damage trifling. Put out by inmates. No general alarm given.
- May 27th.—12.10 A.M. Fire broke out in rear of No. 2, Broadway Road; it broke out among some fire-wood which was placed against the wall. Damage trifling. Put out by the Police and occupants. No general alarm given.
- May 31st.—12 midnight. Fire broke out in a watchman's quarters at No. 631, Foochow Road. Caused by a spark from a tobacco-pipe. Some bedding destroyed. Put out by the Police. No general alarm given.
- June 1st.—7.50 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 76, Canton Road. A kerosine oil lamp upset. No damage done. Put out by the occupants. No general alarm given.
- July 15th.—1 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 997, Nankin Road. A kerosine oil lamp upset on some bedding. Put out by the occupants and Police. Slight damage. No general alarm given.

FIRE RECORD, 1887—*continued.*

July 15th.—2.20 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 21, Chili Road. One house burnt. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

July 20th.—3 A.M. Fire broke out at No 315, Fohkien Road (unoccupied house). Roof partly burnt. Cause unknown. Put out by the Police. No general alarm given.

July 22nd.—1.10 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 3, on the Bund (Shanghai Club). Originated through the carelessness of a plumber. The roof was damaged by the fire, but the building was considerably damaged by the water thrown on it. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

July 23rd.—4.45 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 56, Shanse Road. Caused by hot ashes falling on straw. Damage trifling. Put out by Police and inmates. No general alarm given.

August 4th.—1.35 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 19, Rue du Consulat, French Concession. The Fire Brigade attended but their services were not required. General alarm given.

August 7th.—3.30 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 229, Tientsin Road. Caused by burning Joss-paper. Damage trifling. Put out by the Police. No general alarm given.

August 17th.—12.40 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 211, Hanbury Road, damaging the roof considerably, also the roofs of the two adjoining houses. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Put out by the Police. No general alarm given.

August 20th.—11.35 P.M. Fire broke out in a row of newly built houses, North Honan Road (partly occupied). Five houses were destroyed. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

FIRE RECORD, 1887—*continued.*

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- September 20th.—2.30 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 225, Ningpo Road. Caused by a lighted match falling on some cotton. Damage trifling. Put out by the Police. No general alarm given.
- September 28th.—7.40 P.M. Fire broke out in a Foreign house, in the Markham Road, occupied by Mr. WALKER. The house burnt down. The Fire Brigade attended, also the Police. General alarm given.
- September 29th.—5 P.M. Fire broke out in the cook-house at No. 28, Kiangse Road. Put out by the inmates and Police. Damage trifling. No general alarm given.
- October 27th.—9 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 194, Chili Road. Originated through a bundle of cotton falling on a kerosine oil lamp. Damage trifling. Put out by the inmates and Police. No general alarm given.
- October 28th.—2 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 334, Hankow Road. Some old newspapers and sacks under the staircase were burning. Origin unknown. Put out by the Police. No general alarm given.
- October 28th.—12.50 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 840, Nankin Road. Damage trifling. Cause unknown. Put out by inmates and Police. No general alarm given.
- October 30th.—12.30 A.M. Fire broke out in the Rue du Consulat, French Concession. Twenty-five houses burnt. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. Police attended. General alarm given.
- October 30th.—4 P.M. Fire broke out in a block of newly built houses, in rear of the Honan Road Joss-house. Originated in a cook-house of one of the houses. Two houses burnt and three pulled down. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

FIRE RECORD, 1887—*continued.*

- November 10th.—6.20 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 219, Honan Road. Four houses burnt, and two damaged by fire and water. Caused by a lighted candle coming in contact with some cotton. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.
- November 11th.—11.44 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 275, Lloyd Road (unoccupied house). Six houses burnt, and three damaged by fire and water. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.
- November 20th.—9.7 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 4, Chefoo Road. Six houses partly burnt. Caused by bursting of a kerosine oil lamp. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.
- November 24th.—1.30 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 458, Woo Hoo Road. A quantity of bedding destroyed. Originated through a man smoking opium and falling asleep. Put out by the Police. No general alarm given.
- November 26th.—2 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 66, Hankow Road. Caused by burning Joss-paper. Damage trifling. Put out by inmates and Police. No general alarm given.
- November 28th.—11.30 A.M. Fire broke out at Say Zung's Stables, Thibet Road. A stack of straw caught fire by a spark from a shoeing forge. Two stacks of straw partly burnt. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.
- November 28th.—6.50 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 157, Pekin Road. Six houses burnt and two destroyed. Caused by a lighted taper coming in contact with a mosquito-curtain. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

FIRE RECORD, 1887—*continued.*

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- December 6th.—9.45 P.M. Fire broke out at No. —, Quai du Yangking-pang, French Concession. Two houses burnt. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. Police attended. General alarm given.
- December 7th.—11.47 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 288, North Soochow Road. Seventy-seven (77) houses were destroyed, and the backs of fifteen (15) houses damaged. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.
- December 8th.—3.30 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 402, Kiukiang Road. Caused by a spark from a pipe falling on some cotton. Damage trifling. Put out by the inmates and Police. No general alarm given.
- December 9th.—10 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 378, Hankow Road. Some fire-wood near a stove igniting. Damage slight. Put out by the Police. No general alarm given.
- December 10th.—4.40 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 77, Boone Road. A bed and bed-curtain were destroyed. Caused by a man smoking in bed. Put out by the Police. No general alarm given.
- December 16th.—11 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 36, Yunan Road (unoccupied house). Cause unknown. Put out by the Police. No general alarm given.
- December 20th.—9.25 A.M. Fire broke out in a cook-house at No. 7, Kiangse Road. Originated through the overheating of the flue. Damage trifling. Extinguished by the Police Extincteurs and Mr. KITE. No general alarm given.
- December 23rd.—8.45 A.M. Fire broke out in a cook-house on some building-ground at corner of Nankin and Szechuen Roads. Extinguished by the Police. Damage slight. No general alarm given.

FIRE RECORD, 1887—*continued.*

December 25th.—3 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 273, Shantung Road.
Caused by a spark falling on a bed. Damage trifling.
Put out by inmates. No general alarm given.

December 27th.—1.30 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 530, Kiukiang Road.
Two bundles of straw near a stove ignited. Put out
by inmates. No general alarm given.

December 30th.—9.20 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 7, Soochow Road.
Part of the roof and ceiling burnt. Originated through
a spark from a chimney falling on to the roof. Put
out by the occupants with water. No general alarm
given.

December 31st.—2.30 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 115, Yunan Road.
Caused by some shavings being left near a stove. Wood-
work damaged. Put out by the Police and neighbours.
No general alarm given.

December 31st.—4 P.M. Fire broke out in a small house attached to
No. 168, Szechuen Road. Some mats burnt. Put out
by the inmates. No general alarm given.

December 31st.—5.30 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 117, Broadway
Road. Caused by the overheating of a stove-pipe.
Damage trifling. Extinguished by the Police and
occupants. No general alarm given.

62 Fires.

17 General Alarms given.

3 Fires French Concession.

FINANCIAL

1st January to

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1886.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
LAND AND HOUSE TAX AND DUES.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Land Tax:</i>			
4/10ths of 1 per cent on assessed value of land registered in the various Consulates in the names of foreigners, assessment of 1882.	...	54,043.19	
Amount outstanding 31st December 1886, since paid	75.34		54,118.53
<i>General Municipal Rate—Foreign:</i>			
8 per cent on assessed rentals of foreign houses	...	43,104.19	
Amount outstanding 31st December 1886, since paid	255.47	...	43,359.66
<i>General Municipal Rate—Native:</i>			
10 per cent on assessed rentals of Chinese houses	...	...	88,290.06
<i>Dues on Merchandize:</i>			
From the public, 1st January to 31st October	...	36,817.17	
From the public, 1st November to 31st December, outstanding on 31st December 1887 (estimated at) ...	.....	7,800.00	
From the public, 1st November to 31st December 1886, outstanding 31st December 1886, since received	7,500.00		
Contribution from H.E. the Taotai.	...	10,178.00	62,295.17
LICENSE FEES.			
<i>Foreign:</i>			
Wine and spirit retailers	...	1,924.36	
<i>Foreign and Native:</i>			
Billiard and bowling saloons 292.28			
Theatre and concert ... 958.28			
Livery-stable-keepers ... 8,194.76			
Cargo-boats 6,046.73			
	...	15,492.05	
<i>Carried forward</i>	7,830.81	17,416.41	248,063.42

STATEMENT.

31st December 1887.

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1886.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
POLICE FORCE.			
<i>Pay :</i>			
Foreigners, Sikhs and Natives, ex- clusive of Carter Road Station		59,235.29	
<i>Deduct</i> for men employed on special duty		109.96	
			59,125.33
<i>Medical Aid :</i>			
Medicines		524.66	
Hospital charges		725.09	
			1,249.75
<i>Rent :</i>			
Louza Station		332.08	
Foochow Road Station		360.00	
			692.08
<i>Insurance :</i>			
On Central, Hongkew, and District Stations			135.62
<i>Clothing :</i>			
For the whole Force (exclusive of Carter Road Station)			5,956.21
<i>Passages :</i>			
Passages of Constables to England and India			417.78
<i>Gratuity :</i>			
To Inspector on resigning			544.00
<i>Funeral Expenses</i>			288.32
<i>Incidental Expenses :</i>			
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Newspapers		742.25	
Food and clothing for pri- soners 1,090.73			
<i>Less</i> —Fines received from the Mixed Court ... 1,083.31		7.42	
Fuel, gas and oil		3,383.29	
Loss on exchange on remittances to London for constables		410.56	
<i>Carried forward</i>		4,543.52	68,409.09

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—continued.

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1886.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward...</i>	7,830.81	17,416.41	248,063.42
LICENCE FEES—continued.			
<i>Native:</i>			
Sellers of foreign liquors	1,732.20		
Water-carts ...	352.01		
Sampana ...	1,126.56		
Pawn-shops ...	3,470.75		
Opium-shops ...	27,572.76		
Wheel-barrows ...	5,647.47		
Wine-shops ...	2,266.15		
Jin-rik-shas ...	34,041.45		
Tea-shops ...	2,869.28		
	...	79,078.63	96,495.04
LOCK HOSPITAL.			
Fees collected ...	...	774.08	
Less paid to French Municipal Council	...	387.09	386.99
NIGHT-SOIL.			
Sale of night-soil ...	...	...	2,968.88
PERMIT FEES.			
Fees for permits to use sun-shades over public thoroughfares ...	...	324.20	
Fees for permits to open roads for the purpose of constructing or repairing drains ...	...	185.00	
		509.20	
<i>Carried forward ...</i>	7,830.81	509.20	347,914.33

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—continued.

EXPENDITURE.	Incurring by Council 1886.	Incurring 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	.....	4,543.52	68,409.09
POLICE FORCE—continued.			
<i>Incidental Expenses :</i>			
Chinese Government ground-tax ...	.....	17.74	
Wages of punkah coolies and cost of ice ... ..	.....	165.22	
Wages of Writer ... ..	.....	157.16	
" " Shroff ... ..	.....	120.62	
" " Messengers ... ..	.....	288.90	
" " Station coolies ... ..	.....	324.07	
" " Coolies employed catching stray dogs ... ..	.....	305.36	
Coolie and sampan hire for carrying sick and drunken men ... ..	.....	234.63	
Coffee and sugar for constables on night duty ... ..	.....	96.87	
Cost of photographing prisoners ...	.....	59.36	
Taxes on houses occupied by mar- ried members of the Force ...	.....	89.22	
Miscellaneous charges ... ..	.....	170.47	
			6,573.19
CARTER ROAD STATION.			
Pay	1,798.78		
Rent	360.00		
Clothing	186.88		
Coal, gas and oil	242.81		
Water	65.90		
Repairs to station	40.00		
Miscellaneous charges	19.95		
	2,714.32		
<i>Less collected from Residents living on the road</i>	1,551.15	.....	1,163.17
Police Deferred Pay Fund, Amount de- posited at Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, 1 year from 31st March 1887 to 31st March 1888 ... ..	.....	.....	76,145.45
			2,500.00
<i>Carried forward</i> ...	.....	.....	78,645.45

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—continued.

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1886.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward...</i> ...	7,830.81	509.20	347,914.33
<i>Carried forward...</i> ...	7,830.81	509.20	347,914.33

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—continued.

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1886.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i>			78,645.45
RELIEF OF POOR.			
Distributed during the year to foreign and native poor			133.77
SANITARY.			
<i>Foreign and Native Hospitals :</i>			
General Hospital—Grant for the year		2,000.00	
Hospitals for Chinese " "		1,000.00	3,000.00
<i>Lock Hospital :</i>			
Pay of Surgeon		600.00	
Wages of constable and watchman		122.33	
Taxes on the building		24.35	
Medicines, washing, coal, gas, oil and stationery		27.31	
Fire Insurance		7.50	
Chinese Government ground-tax ...		1.33	
Repairs to building		157.44	
		940.26	
<i>Less paid by French Municipal Council</i>		157.96	782.30
<i>Medical :</i>			
Pay of Officer of Health		500.00	
" Municipal Surgeon... ..		750.00	
" Constables collecting Native death-rate returns		270.63	
Fee for holding post-mortem exami- nation on the body of a foreigner		25.00	1,545.63
<i>Market and Nuisance :</i>			
Pay of Inspector of Markets, Nui- sances, and Livery Stables ...		2,100.00	
Pay of Assistant Inspector of Markets		1,200.00	
" Assistants		1,312.50	
" " at Hongkew		1,320.00	
" Native overseer		96.00	
Gratuity to widow of deceased Assistant... ..		330.00	
Funeral expenses of deceased Assistant		40.00	
<i>Carried forward</i>		6,398.50	84,107.15

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—continued.

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1886.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward...</i>	7,830.81	509.20	347,914.33
SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.			
Fees for making tracings of properties ...	.....	15.70	524.90
<i>Carried forward...</i>	7,830.81	.....	348,439.23

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1886.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	.....	6,398.50	84,107.15
SANITARY—<i>continued.</i>			
<i>Market and Nuisance:</i>			
Removing night-soil and garbage, and sweeping streets ...	.....	10,572.48	
Extra scavengers cleaning sinks and removing sand from side-channels	.....	1,160.87	
Watchmen for preventing nuisances	.....	200.41	
Weeding roads ...	.....	106.46	
Watering roads (the Bubbling Well Road included) ...	.....	2,120.66	
Jin-rik-sha hire, taxes on employes' houses, etc., ...	.....	255.55	
Disinfectants, cost of invoice from London ...	.....	274.18	
Repairs to Market shed ...	.....	76.38	
Chinese Government ground-tax, Market site ...	.....	6.00	
			21,171.49
LIGHTING.			
<i>Gas</i> for a portion of the Settlement and the Bubbling Well Road, and cost of maintaining 217 unused lamps...	.....	9,655.68	
<i>Electric Light</i> for a portion of the Settle- ment ...	.....	15,152.97	
			24,808.65
SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.			
<i>Pay—Foreign Staff:</i>			
Surveyor ...	3,600.00		
Assistant ...	1,200.00		
3 Overseers...	2,520.00		
		7,320.00	
<i>Pay—Native Staff:</i>			
Office Writer ...	180.00		
Tracer ...	330.00		
Messenger ...	96.00		
Gratuities to widows of late foreman and messenger	52.93		
		658.93	
<i>Carried forward</i> ...	.....	7,978.93	130,087.29

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1886.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i>	7,830.81	...	348,439.23
CEMETERIES.			
For 89 vaults	...	890.00	
" 77 grave-spaces	...	173.25	
			1,063.25
<i>Carried forward...</i>	7,830.81	...	349,502.48

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1886.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward ...</i>		7,978.93	130,087.29
SURVEYOR'S OFFICE—<i>continued.</i>			
<i>Rent :</i>			
Of ground on the Soochow Creek and at Hongkew for storing road materials		620.00	
" Surveyor's house		750.00	
" Overseer's "		300.00	
Coal, gas and wood		50.26	
Taxes on employes' houses		42.68	
Printing, stationery, newspapers and office necessities		213.73	
Cost of water for Surveyor and Overseer		89.46	
Subscription to Telephone Exchange		16.67	
			10,061.73
TELEPHONE LINES.			
Maintenance of all lines by contract			840.00
CEMETERIES.			
Pay of Sexton for all Cemeteries and allowance for chair coolies... ..		259.16	
Pay of Gardeners for care of all Ceme- teries and Cathedral compound		785.63	
Repairs to all Cemeteries		612.31	
Chinese Government ground-tax		83.69	
Filling in and turfing a new section at the New Cemetery		1,086.53	
Pootung Cemetery, repairing jetty and inquest room		548.13	
Constructing new bunding near Defence road		881.60	
Garden seats		16.00	
			4,273.05
OUTSIDE ROADS.			
Maintenance and repairs, and cost of removing garbage		3,360.05	
Laying 569 chang curbs and channels new Cemetery road		1,624.21	
Laying 86 chang drain pipes New Ceme- tery road, between Defence Creek and Cemetery		2,469.28	
<i>Carried forward ...</i>		7,453.54	145,262.07

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1187	To 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward...</i> ...	7,880.81	...	349,502.48
<i>Carried forward...</i> ...	7,880.81	...	349,502.48

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurring by Council 1886.	Incurring 1st. Jan. to 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	.....	7,453.54	145,262.07
OUTSIDE ROADS—<i>continued.</i>			
Repairs to drains ... ..	.....	20.38	
„ bridges and bundings ... ..	.....	294.95	
„ breakwater, Jessfield road ... ..	.....	74.50	
<i>Cost of trees</i> ... ..	.....	101.19	
<i>Rent of</i> Chip-yard, Carter road ... ..	.....	21.81	
<i>Chinese Government</i> ground-tax ... ..	.....	156.73	
Cost of building a new Skew bridge, Bubbling Well road ... ..	.....	1,644.27	
Cost of a strip of land on the north side of the Yuen-chuang creek, Bubbling Well road ... ..	.....	73.00	
Compensation to owners for land taken to widen approach to east side of Yang-tsze-poo bridge ... ..	.....	70.00	
Forming foot-path Markham road, from Sinza to Dr. Winn's house ... ..	.....	63.00	
			9,973.37
PUBLIC GARDEN.			
<i>Maintenance of</i> Garden (for details see Committee's Report) ... ..	.....	775.61	
<i>Repairs to</i> band-stand, walls, gates and lodges ... ..	.....	128.18	
<i>Painting and</i> repairing seats ... ..	.....	42.39	
<i>Repairs to</i> paths and drains ... ..	.....	87.52	
<i>Cost of</i> plants, seeds and flower-pots ... ..	.....	178.53	
Reconstructing green-house ... ..	.....	385.00	
			1,597.23
PUBLIC WORKS.			
<i>Bridges:</i>			
Cheliang road, new wooden bridge across the Soo- chow Creek	5,396.00		
Yunnan road, half cost of new iron bridge across the Yang-king-pang Creek, and of stone abutments, contract outstanding 31st December 1887	3,000.00		
<i>Carried forward</i> ...	8,396.00	.....	156,832.67

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1886.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward ...</i>	7,830.81	...	349,502.48
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1886.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	.....	.....	156,832.67
PUBLIC WORKS— <i>continued</i> 8,396.00			
<i>Bridges:</i>			
Yangtze Poo road, new wooden bridge across the Creek 2,597.67			
General repairs 1,766.12			
	.....	12,759.79	
<i>Buildings:</i>			
Repairs to Council-house, Surveyor's office, Local Post Office, & Secretary's quarters 401.91			
Repairs to Police Stations 1,867.25			
Building a beggar's refuge at Hongkew Station ... 260.00			
	.....	2,529.16	
<i>Drainage:</i>			
New road north of Seward road and parallel to Yuen-fong road... .. 429.80			
Seward road from Chaou- foong to Kung-ping road 1,150.70			
Kung-ping road from Se- ward road to Broadway, and thence to river ... 2,594.80			
Extending Broadway, Astor, and Seward road drains, contract outstanding 31st December 1886, since paid 381.37	381.37		
Chapoo road, between North Soochow and Boone roads 2,136.88			
Broadway, between Dent and Kung-ping roads ... 545.15			
Tiendong road, between Chapoo and North Sze- chuen roads 730.70			
Iron gratings, frames and covers to drains ... 603.41			
Subsidiary drains, laying drain-pipes repairs and alterations 710.34			
	.....	9,283.15	
<i>Carried forward</i> ...	381.37	24,572.10	156,832.67

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1886.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward...</i> ...	7,830.81	...	349,502.48
<i>Carried forward...</i> ...	7,830.81	...	349,502.48

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1886.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward ...</i>	381.37	24,572.10	156,832.67
PUBLIC WORKS—<i>continued.</i>			
<i>Landing-Stages :</i>			
Cost of 5 iron bridges to pontoon at Hankow, Foochow, and Canton roads; in front of Messrs. Russell & Co.'s, and the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s premises 3,500.00			
Constructing wooden jetties in front of the P. & O. S. N. Co., and Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co's ... 822.00			
Constructing 2 wooden jet- ties North Soochow road, between Chapoo and North Szechuen roads... 410.00			
Constructing wooden jetty at Astor road ... 273.90			
Constructing wooden jetty at Fearon road ... 187.18			
General repairs ... 1,379.58			
	.....	6,572.66	
<i>Bundings :</i>			
Fearon road, repairing bundling and fixing iron railing ... 3,028.20			
Yang-king-pang, repairing bundling between Kiangse and Szechuen roads ... 838.58			
Yang-king-pang, 18 chang stone bunding Sungkiang road between Yangtze and Szechuen roads, con- tract outstanding 31st December 1887 ... 2,650.00			
General repairs ... 2,681.83			
	.....	9,198.61	
<i>Carried forward ...</i>	381.37	40,343.37	156,832.67

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1886.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward...</i> ...	7,830.81	...	349,502.48
<i>Carried forward ...</i> ...	7,830.81	...	349,502.48

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1886.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	381.37	40,343.37	156,832.67
PUBLIC WORKS—<i>continued.</i>			
<i>Fire-Wells :</i>			
Repairs ... ..	.....	3.75	
<i>Creeks :</i>			
Levelling Defence Creek... 30.30			
Sounding Soochow " ... 15.34			
Yang-king-pang Creek, half cost of dredging, con- tract outstanding 31st Dec. 1886, since paid ...			
	1,400.00	1,445.64	
<i>Latrines :</i>			
General repairs ... ..	.....	42.35	
<i>Roads :</i>			
Granite chips, sand and broken bricks ... 18,528.69			
Granite blocks for curbs and side-channels ... 3,942.62			
Laying and repairing chip- paving ... 2,318.33			
Forming concrete foot-path in front of Messrs. Alfred Dent & Co.'s ... 141.00			
Labour making and repair- ing roads ... 8,244.13			
Keeping the Council's com- pound in order ... 104.74			
Cost of Trees, and trans- planting ... 65.14			
Cost of Stanchions on Bund foreshore, painting and repairs ... 97.84			
Cutting grass, and weeding Bund foreshore... 293.54			
Re-turfing a portion of Bund foreshore... 166.26			
Boundary stones ... 96.29			
Repairing drinking trough. 37.89			
Miscellaneous charges ... 22.12			
	.....	34,058.59	
<i>Carried forward</i> ...	1,781.37	75,893.70	156,832.67

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1886.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i>	1,781.37	75,893.70	156,832.67
PUBLIC WORKS—<i>continued.</i>			
<i>Widening and improving roads :</i>			
Tiendong and Seward Roads : Om. 6f. 7l. 1A. of land from lot 221, T.D. 244, for wi- dening roads, contract out- standing 31st December 1887, since paid	3,000.00		
Foochow Road : On North side, east of Kwangse road, Om. 1f. 6l. 4A. of land from lot 967, T.D. 960, for widen- ing the road	400.00		
Nanking Road : Corner of Kiangse road, Om. 1f. 8l. 9A. of land from lot 1,117, T.D. 1,110, for widening the road	1,135.50		
Hankow Road : Rent of a piece of land form- ing portion of foot-path in front of the Chartered Mercantile Bank, from 1st January to 31st De- cember 1887	100.00		
Keangse Road : Rent of a piece of land forming portion of foot- path in front of the Ca- thedral from 31st March 1886 to 31st March 1887.	150.00		
Szechuen Road : Rent of a portion of lot 40, T.D. 18, for widening the road, from 31st October 1887 to 31st October 1888	150.00		
Soochow Creek : Cost of filling up a portion of foreshore	290.40		
			
<i>Carried forward...</i> 5,225.90	4,781.37	75,893.70	156,832.67

FINANCIAL STATEMENT--continued.

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1886.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward ...</i>	7,830.81	...	349,502.48
<i>Carried forward ...</i>	7,830.81	...	349,502.48

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurring by Council 1886.	Incurring 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i>	4,781.37	75,893.70	156,832.67
 PUBLIC WORKS—<i>continued.</i>			
<i>Widening and improving roads:</i> 5,225.90			
Fees and Expenses on land surrendered for new roads, Hongkew	50.00		
Seward Road: Raising 660 fong of the road, between Chaou- foong and Kung-ping roads	396.00		
Transfer fees	15.48		
	...	5,687.38	81,581.08
 SHANGHAI MUSEUM.			
Contribution	...	...	500.00
 SHANGHAI LIBRARY.			
Contribution	...	...	100.00
 EDUCATION GRANTS.			
Contribution to the French Orphanage...	...	1,000.00	
" " Eurasian School	...	871.30	
			1,871.30
 <i>Carried forward</i>	4,781.37	...	240,885.05

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—continued.

REVENUE.				To 31st Dec. 1886.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
				Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
			<i>Brought forward...</i>	7,830.81	...	349,502.48
INTEREST.						
On fixed Deposit and daily balance	...	...	...	...	863.99	
" Trust funds	...	...	...	...	484.61	1,348.60
POLICE DEFERRED PAY FUND.						
Interest on Balance	...	...	...	...	...	871.39
SINKING FUND.						
Amount withdrawn from Fund at Bank for payment of 1878 Loan	...	...	...	...	24,000.00	
Interest on Balance	...	...	...	...	887.20	24,887.20
			<i>Carried forward...</i>	7,830.81	...	376,609.67

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1886.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	4,781.37	.....	240,885.05
STUD.			
Animals for public works ...	...	2,854.69	
" " removing garbage ...	...	6,599.18	
" " Captain-Superintendent and Chief Inspector of Police ...	...	300.00	
" " Police night-patrol and for patrolling Bubbling Well road ...	...	318.59	
" " Surveyor ...	...	180.00	
" " Inspectors of Nuisances and Markets ...	...	360.00	
" " tax collector ...	...	180.00	
Oil and leather washers for cart-wheels ..	...	162.77	
			10,955.23
WATER SUPPLY.			
Contract for supply of water for Muni- cipal purposes ...	...	8,000.00	
Extra—For quantity used above contract limit ...	...	446.10	
			8,446.10
INTEREST.			
On Debentures, Loans of 1878, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885 ...	...	11,460.00	
On Police Savings Bank ...	...	528.71	
			11,988.71
POLICE DEFERRED PAY FUND.			
Interest to 31st December, deposited at Hongkong and Shanghai Bank ...	...	...	871.39
SINKING FUND.			
Amount deposited at Hongkong and Shanghai Bank ...	...	34,500.00	
Interest to 31st December, deposited at Hongkong and Shanghai Bank ...	...	887.20	
			35,387.20
<i>Carried forward</i> ...	4,781.37	.....	308,533.68

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1886.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	7,830.81	...	376,609.67
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<i>Carried forward</i> ...	7,830.81	...	376,609.67

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1886.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	4,781.37		308,533.68
MUNICIPAL LOAN OF 1878.			
Payment of 240 Debentures	...	...	24,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT.			
Contribution	...	2,500.00	2,515.00
Repairing bell-tower	...	15.00	
GENERAL CHARGES.			
Legal expenses	...	1,515.87	5,641.57
Audit fee	...	250.00	
Coal, gas and wood	...	276.73	
Stationery, printing, advertising and newspapers	...	2,343.63	
House numbers and license plates and cards	...	353.82	
Postage	...	33.30	
Fire insurance	...	92.88	
Uniforms for tax collectors	...	121.98	
Medicines "	...	56.27	
Rent of Masonic Hall for Ratepayers' Meeting	...	23.49	
Pew-rents for 7 sittings, Trinity Cathedral	...	144.00	
Municipal Seal	...	28.97	
Taxes on employés' houses, string for copper cash, jin-rik-sha and coolie hire, etc.	...	400.63	
<i>Carried forward</i> ...	4,781.37		340,690.25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—continued.

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1886.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward ...</i>	7,830.81	...	376,609.67
60,000.00	...	...	...
60,000.00	...	...	...
78,212.87	...	...	...
60,000.00	...	...	...
276.75	...	...	...
2,212.00	...	...	...
22,212.87	...	...	...
22.30	...	...	...
22.38	...	...	...
121.38	...	...	...
26.37	...	...	...
22.19	...	...	...
144.00	...	...	...
26.37	...	...	...
400.00	...	...	...
<i>Carried forward ...</i>	7,830.81	...	376,609.67

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1886.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	4,781.37	.....	340,690.25
SECRETARIAT.			
<i>Foreign—Pay :</i>			
Secretary	...	4,240.00	
Accountant (6 months absent on leave)	...	2,692.74	
Assistant, Tax Office... ..	...	2,400.00	
" General Office	...	2,400.00	
" Dues Office	...	1,800.00	
Overseer of taxes	...	2,100.00	
2 Collectors of Native house-tax ...	...	1,680.00	
1 " " Foreign " ...	...	1,500.00	
1 " " Opium " ...	...	1,380.00	
1 " " Sampan and Boat tax ...	...	900.00	
Temporary assistance during absence on leave of Accountant ...	...	1,922.58	
		23,015.32	
<i>Native—Pay :</i>			
Linguist and assistant ... 840.00			
Compradore and assistants. 2,724.00			
Assistant at Dues Office ... 180.00			
Chinese tax-writers ... 864.00			
Sampan-men employed in the collection of Sam- pan and Boat Taxes... 183.30			
Godown-man ... 102.00			
Watchman at Council-house 87.30			
Gratuity to widow of late Sampan-man ... 14.60			
	...	4,995.20	
<i>Native Servants:</i>			
For Municipal offices and Dues Office ... 436.36			
Coolie for numbering Chi- nese houses ... 36.00			
Punkah coolies, and jin-rik- sha coolies for tax collectors ... 186.94			
	...	659.30	
			28,669.82
<i>Carried forward</i> ...	4,781.37	.....	369,360.07

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—continued.

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1886.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	4,781.37	.....	369,360.07
TOWN BAND.			
Pay of Bandmaster	...	1,800.00	
" Secretary	...	300.00	
" Musicians	...	5,061.88	
" " for extra services at private performances of the Band ...	...	550.53	
Rent of houses for band practice, and for musicians	...	264.27	
Repairs to musical instruments	...	8.72	
Music and music paper	...	110.89	
Wages of coolie	...	34.85	
Advertising and printing... ..	...	101.89	
Coal, gas and oil	...	112.86	
Taxes	...	30.54	
Medicines and Hospital charges... ..	...	14.46	
Passages of new musicians from Manila, and time-expired men to Manila ...	...	172.37	
Jin-rik-sha hire and miscellaneous charges	...	122.05	
Insurance	...	12.50	
<i>Deduct—</i>		8,697.81	
From French Municipal Council, contribution, 1886 ... ..1,500.00			
Amount received for services of the Band ... ..1,417.78			
	...	2,917.78	
LOCAL POST OFFICE.			5,780.03
Postmaster..	...	1,200.00	
Assistant	...	600.00	
Delivery coolies, jin-rik-sha coolies and sampan-man	...	1,862.67	
Agencies at Foochow, Pagoda Anchorage and Swatow	...	290.75	
Advertising, printing, stationery and newspapers	...	189.57	
Coal, gas and oil	...	65.44	
Mail-bags	...	84.19	
Repairing pillar letter boxes	...	30.03	
Miscellaneous charges	...	37.15	
			4,359.80
<i>Carried forward</i> ...	4,781.37	.....	379,499.90

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1886.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	4,781.37	.....	379,499.90
VOLUNTEERS.			
Pay of armourer, coolies and markers at rifle butts	...	1,140.86	
" Light Horse Instructor	...	45.00	
" Drill-sergeant	...	235.77	
Advertising, printing and stationery ...	...	458.68	
Repairs to targets, and Rifle range ...	...	194.96	
Subscription to National Rifle Associa- tion, London	...	49.66	
Contribution to the Gymnasium for use of building for drill purposes ...	...	150.00	
Chinese Government ground-tax ...	...	21.52	
Forage and farriery for Artillery ponies.	...	585.75	
Cost of uniforms	...	1,729.00	
" ammunition used during the year ...	...	459.63	
" Electric light for drill-ground and godown	...	63.00	
Coal and wood for Armoury	...	196.44	
Cost of annual parade	...	240.25	
Rent of drill-godown during training season	...	27.18	
Repairing gun-carriages, rifles, saddlery and accoutrements	...	318.80	
Cost of Cartridge bags, and flags ...	...	43.01	
" Erecting a shed for use during repairs to gun-room	...	50.96	
" Refreshments supplied at night parade, and field-days	...	96.60	
" Browning rifles	...	50.07	
Municipal Challenge Cup, Contract out- standing 31st December 1887 ...	...	500.00	
Paint, brushes, and oil	...	29.87	
Coolie and jin-rik-sha hire and miscel- laneous expenses	...	144.25	
MUNICIPAL STOCK & STORES.			6,831.26
Coal purchased		811.00	
Nuisance, purchase of and re- pairs to plant 2,062.49			
Cost of a Skow for removing garbage from Hongkew ... 442.81			
	...	2,505.30	
<i>Carried forward</i> ...	4,781.37	3,316.30	386,331.16

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1886.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward ...</i>	4,781.37	3,316.30	386,331.16
MUNICIPAL STOCK & STORES <i>—continued.</i>			
Public Works, purchase of and repairs to plant	...	1,053.00	
Surveyor's Office, cost of iron safe for plans	...	206.74	
Purchase of harness and repairs to traps Town Band, for musical instruments, music, and furniture taken over from the trustees of the Recreation Fund	...	625.47	
Furniture and gas fixtures	...	1,000.00	
Public lamp pillars and brackets	...	116.43	
Drain-pipes	...	235.66	
	...	1,280.00	
Volunteers :			
Cost of Ammunition ... 1,063.83			
" 100 carbines, 50 ca- valry swords, 100 sword bayonets and slings ... 1,886.02			
" Artillery harness... 580.84			
" Rifle-sights ... 21.90			
" Iron tank for stor- ing cartridges ... 119.35			
" Jin-rik-sha & pony clothing ... 17.11			
	...	3,689.05	
Police :			
Mess and barrack fur- niture 505.83			
<i>Less</i> —Sales of con- demned stores ... 73.00			
	432.83		
Ambulance from London ... 101.06			
2 Patrol ponies 70.00			
50 truncheons 86.56			
	...	690.45	
Insurance	...	64.16	
			12,277.26
<i>Carried forward ...</i>	4,781.37	...	398,608.42

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1886.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward...</i> ...	7,888.89	.....	387,279.76
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS,			
31st December 1886.			
The outstanding accounts on 31st December 1886 were			
estimated	7,888.89		
They have amounted to ...	8,260.61		
Gain on estimate	...	371.72	
The outstanding contracts were			
estimated	4,781.37		
Amounts paid	4,932.63		
Loss on estimate	...	151.26	
Net gain credited to the year ...	...	...	220.46
			387,500.22
<i>Deduct</i> Outstanding accounts 1886 ...	...	...	7,888.89
			379,611.33
Receipts on deposit accounts	...	...	8,115.53
Showing RECEIPTS for outgoing Council's term of office... ..	...	...	387,726.86
SURPLUS 31st December 1886	...	...	23,332.17
	...	Taels ...	411,059.03
Depreciation on Property and Stores written off	7,888.89	Taels ...	10,000.00

TH. BIEBER,
FRED. D. BUSH,
H. H. JOSEPH,

Members of Finance, Rate, and Appeal Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurring by Council 1886.	Incurring 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1887.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	4,781.37	.....	398,608.42
CONTINGENCY.			
Expenses connected with the "Queen's Jubilee :"			
Cost of Decorations	...	469.86	
" Telegrams	...	21.12	
" Advertising	...	3.28	
			494.26
	4,781.37		399,102.68
<i>Deduct</i> —For contracts incurred 1886 ...	...	...	4,781.37
			394,321.31
Payments on deposit accounts :			
By office 7,016.21			
To Bank Trust Funds account... 1,099.32			
	...	...	8,115.53
Showing EXPENDITURE for outgoing Council's term of office	...	...	402,436.84
<i>Surplus</i> 31st December 1887	...	...	8,622.19
	...	Tals ...	411,059.03

General Balance, Depreciation on Property and Stores written off... Tals 10,000.00

Audited and found correct,

H. J. LIMBY,

Auditor.

TRUST FUNDS.

POLICE SAVINGS BANK.

Balance on hand 31st December 1886	...	...Tls. 8,397.41	Amounts withdrawn	...	...Tls. 4,945.30	Balance.
Deposited by Members of the Force...	...	... „ 5,236.56	Balance on hand 31st December 1887	...	... „ 9,218.28	—
Interest at 6 per cent. per annum	...	... „ 529.61				
		<u>Tls. 14,163.58</u>			<u>Tls. 14,163.58</u>	9,218.28

POLICE RECREATION FUND.

Balance on hand 31st December 1886	...	...Tls. 2,212.11	Prizes for monthly rifle competition and cost of cartridges	...	...Tls. 113.62	
Deductions from Police pay for men sick and for fines	...	... „ 642.54	Cost of newspapers and books for the force	...	65.25	
			„ billiard table cloth...	...	38.83	
			„ Rattan chairs	...	17.52	
			Amount granted to pay the debts of a defaulting Constable	...	114.27	
			Grant towards cost of Christmas dinner	...	54.37	
					403.86	
			Balance on hand 31st December 1887	...	2,450.79	2,450.79
		<u>Tls. 2,854.65</u>			<u>Tls. 2,854.65</u>	
			Forward	...	...	11,669.07

POLICE SECRET SERVICE FUND.

				<i>Balance forward</i> 11,669.07			
Balance on hand 31st December 1886	...	...Tls.	68.10	Withdrawals	...	...Tls.	67.34
Amounts received	...	... "	25.48	Balance on hand 31st December 1887	...	"	26.24

NATIVE LIVERY-STABLE-KEEPERS.

				<i>Balance forward</i>	...	...	12,375.75
Balance on hand 31st December 1886	...	...Tls.	<u>235.61</u>	Balance on hand 31st December 1887	...	„	<u>235.61</u> 235.61

FOREIGN LIVERY-STABLE-KEEPERS.

Balance on hand 31st December 1886	...	...Tls.	<u>18.32</u>	Balance on hand 31st December 1887	...	„	<u>18.32</u> 18.32
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LOCAL POST OFFICE DELIVERY COOLIES' SECURITIES.

Balance on hand 31st December 1886	...	...Tls.	<u>106.22</u>	Balance on hand 31st December 1887	...	„	<u>106.22</u> 106.22
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LOCAL POST OFFICE COOLIES' FINE FUND.

Balance on hand 31st December 1886	...	...Tls.	3.69				
Fines during the year...	...	„	2 89				
			<u>Tls. 6.58</u>	Balance on hand 31st December 1887	...	„	<u>6.58</u> 6.58
				<i>Forward</i>	...	...	12,742.48

LOCAL POST OFFICE NON-SUBSCRIBERS.

				<i>Balance forward</i> 12,742.48			
Balance on hand 31st December 1886	...	...Tls.	34.65	Transferred to Non-Subscribers' postage			
Deposited by Non-Subscribers	...	... "	415.13	accounts	...	...Tls.	392.84
				Balance on hand 31st December 1887	...	"	56.94
							56.94
				Tls.	449.78	Tls.	449.78

SHANGHAI VOLUNTEERS' PRIZE FUND.

Balance on hand 31st December 1886	...	...Tls.	13.70	Payments	...	...Tls.	1,097.97
Collected for prizes	...	... "	1,118.32	Balance on hand 31st December 1887	...	"	34.05
							34.05
				Tls.	1,132.02	Tls.	1,132.02

NATIVE BILLIARD AND BOWLING SALOONS.

Balance on hand 31st December 1886	...	...Tls.	21.78	Balance on hand 31st December 1887	...	...Tls.	21.78
							21.78

NUISANCE CONTRACTOR.

Balance on hand 31st December 1886	...	...Tls.	366.00	Balance on hand 31st December 1887	...	...Tls.	366.00
							366.00
				Total Balance of Trust Funds	...	Tls.	13,221.25

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK—TRUST FUNDS ACCOUNT.

Deposit Account:

Balance on hand 31st December 1886 ...	...	Tls. 9,866.00
Deposited during the year (transferred from Current Account) ...	...	2,000.00
		<u>Tls. 11,866.00</u>

Current Account:

Balance on hand 31st December 1886 ...	Tls. 2,255.93
Paid in during the year ...	1,796.98
	<u>4,052.91</u>
	<u><u>Tls. 15,918.91</u></u>

Deposit Account:

Balance.

Balance on hand 31st December 1887 Tls. 11,866.00 11,866.00

Current Account:

Amounts withdrawn...	...	Tls. 697.66
Transferred to Deposit Account ..	2,000.00	
		<u>2,697.66</u>
Balance on hand 31st Dec. 1887 ..	1,355.25	1,355.25
	<u>4,052.91</u>	
Total Balance at Bank 31st December 1887...	Tls. 13,221.25	
	<u><u>Tls. 15,918.91</u></u>	

Audited and found correct,

H. J. LIMBY,

Auditor.

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Members of Finance, Rate, and Appeal Committee.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK—DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

POLICE DEFERRED PAY FUND.

Deposit Account:

Balance on hand 31st December 1886	... ..	Tls. 15,503.12
Deposited during the year (Budget Appropriation)	..	2,500.00
Interest deposited	... ..	845.40
		<u>Tls. 18,848.52</u>

Current Account:

Balance on hand 31st December 1886	Tls. 1,289.01
Interest	 25.99
	<u>1,315.00</u>
	<u>Tls. 20,163.52</u>

Deposit Account:

Balance on hand 31st December 1887	Tls. 18,848.52	18,848.52
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Current Account:

Amounts withdrawn...	...Tls. 466.60	
Balance on hand 31st Dec. 1887	.. 848.40	848.40
	<u>1,315.00</u>	
	<u>Tls. 20,163.52</u>	
Total Balance 31st December 1887	... ..	<u>...Tls. 19,696.92</u>

Balance.

SINKING FUND.

Balance on hand 31st December 1886	...	...Tls. 7,555.59
Amount deposited, Budget Appropriation	...	... " 34,500.00
Interest	...	... " 887.20
		<u>Tls. 42,942.79</u>

Amount withdrawn for payment of 1878	Balance.
Loan ...	...Tls. 24,000.00
Balance on hand 31st December 1887...	" 18,942.79
	<u>Tls. 42,942.79</u>
Total Balance at Bank 31st Dec. 1887...	... <u>Tls. 18,942.79</u>

Audited and found correct,

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LAND, BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY.

		Value per Ledger 31st Dec. 1887.	Value per Sur- veyor's Estimate 1884.
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
LAND AND BUILDINGS:			
Central Police Station, land and buildings, Balance 31st December 1886.	.....	18,610.91	23,960.00
Land adjoining Central Police Station, Artillery godown, Blacksmith's shop, and Powder Magazine, Balance 31st December 1886 ...	.....	20,846.25	35,420.00
Lock Hospital, land and building, Balance 31st December 1886 ...	1,807.76		
Less Rent received from French Municipal Council ...	64.08		
		1,743.68	3,165.00
District Police Station, land and buildings, Balance 31st December 1886.	.....	2,753.11	4,290.00
Municipal buildings and compound (old Tunsin Property), Balance 31st December 1886 ... ..	.....	31,937.74	67,800.00
Carried forward ... ..	.....	75,891.69	134,635.00

LAND, BUILDINGS, AND PROPERTY—continued.

		Value per Ledger 31st Dec. 1887.	Value per Sur- veyor's Estimate 1884.
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	.....	75,891.69	134,635.00
Hongkew Police Station, land and buildings, Balance 31st December 1886	.....	29,951.61	45,475.00
Public Market Site, Nankin road, land and buildings, Balance 31st December 1886 ... ..	.....	24,735.36	20,906.00
Rifle Range and Markers' house, Balance 31st December 1886... ..	.....	850.86	2,492.00
Properties written off, not being considered realizable:—		131,429.52	
Cemeteries, Lodges and Chapels			3,509.99
Iron Bridges			9,233.86
		12,743.85	
Depreciation written off 31st December 1887 ... ..	.....	5,000.00	
STOCK AND STORES:		126,429.52	
Office furniture and gas fixtures, Balance 31st December 1886.			5,251.87
Cost during the year			116.43
	5,368.30		203,508.00

Telegraph and Telephone Plant, Balance 31st December 1886.	890.87		
Less Sales during the year	64.00		
		826.87	
Police Furniture and Stores, Balance 31st December 1886.	9,103.12	6,195.17	
Cost during the year	763.45		
Less Sales	73.00		
	690.45		
		9,793.57	
Fire Department Stock, Balance 31st December 1886 ...	...	8,168.86	
Volunteers' Stock, Balance 31st December 1886	13,288.34		
Cost during the year	3,689.05		
Less Sales	891.56		
	2,797.49		
		16,085.83	
Public Works Stock, Balance 31st December 1886	11,497.46		
Cost during the year	2,539.74		
	14,037.20		
Less Sales	3,633.69		
		10,403.51	
Nuisance Stock, Balance 31st December 1887	7,939.42		
Cost during the year	2,505.30		
Less Sales	228.00		
	2,277.30		
		10,216.72	
Carried forward		60,863.66	126,429.52
			203,508.00

LAND, BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY—continued.

			Value per Ledger 31st Dec. 1887.	Value per Sur- veyor's Estimate 1884.
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
-Brought forward	...	60,863.66	126,429.52	203,508.00
Town Band, Balance 31st December 1886	 485.83			
Cost during the year	 1,000.00			
		1,485.83		
Coals, Plans of the Settlement, and Miscellaneous Stores, Balance 31st December 1886	 2,320.63			
Cost during the year	 1,500.63			
Less Sales	 829.33			
	671.30			
		2,991.93		
Public lamp pillars, brackets, etc., Balance 31st December 1886	 3,904.11			
Cost during the year	 235.66			
		4,139.77		
		69,481.19		
Depreciation written off	 5,000.00			
			64,481.19	
(Total depreciation written off, Tls. 10,000.00)				
Audited and found correct.		Total Tls....	190,910.71	203,508.00

H. J. LIMBY,

Auditor.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF

From 1st January 1887

RECEIPTS.

1st January 1887, Cash Balance as per last

Report, vide page 255

25,256.32

413.32

Less due to Comptroller

Receipts to 31st December 1887

287,500.32

7,800.00

Less Outstanding Accounts

Receipts on Deposit Accounts, vide pages 262-265

8,115.52

175.00

2,232.82

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Amount of Overdraft

Tails ... 415,067.16

I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Municipality and certify that the foregoing figures are in accordance therewith.

H. J. LIMBY

GENERAL STATEMENT OF

From 1st January 1887

RECEIPTS.

1st January 1887, Cash Balance as per last			
Report, <i>vide</i> page 255	...	...	25,256.38
<i>Less</i> due to Compradore	...	...	413.32
			<u>24,843.06</u>
Receipts to 31st December 1887	...	...	387,500.22
<i>Less</i> Outstanding Accounts	...	...	7,800.00
			<u>379,700.22</u>
Receipts on Deposit Accounts, <i>vide</i> pages 262-265	...		8,115.53
Suspense	...	...	175.00
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Amount of Overdraft	...		2,233.35
			<u>Taels ... 415,067.16</u>

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Auditor.

BALANCE.

31st, 1887.

LIABILITIES.

					Taels.
MUNICIPAL LOAN, 1882	...	...	...	...	60,000.00
Do.	1883	...	...	...	45,000.00
Do.	1884	...	...	...	15,000.00
Do.	1885	...	...	...	30,000.00
					<u>150,000.00</u>
DEFERRED PAY DUE TO THE POLICE					
FORCE	...	...	...	...	13,317.79
DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS:					
Police Savings Bank	...	...	...	...	9,218.28
„ Recreation Fund	...	...	...	...	2,450.79
„ Secret Service Fund...	...	...	...	...	26.24
Local Post Office, Non-Subscribers	...	...	...	...	56.94
Do. Delivery Coolies...	...	...	...	...	106.22
Do. Fine Fund	...	...	...	...	6.58
Foreign Liquor-Sellers	...	...	...	...	305.56
Native do.	...	...	...	...	374.88
Do. Livery Stables	...	...	...	...	235.61
Foreign do.	...	...	...	...	18.32
Native Billiard Saloons	...	...	...	...	21.78
Volunteers' Prize Fund	...	...	...	...	34.05
Nuisance Contractor	...	...	...	...	366.00
					<u>13,221.25</u>
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS, 1885	...	...	...	...	875.00
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, AMOUNT					
OF OVERDRAFT	...	...	...	...	2,233.35
					<u>179,647.39</u>
GENERAL BALANCE	...	...	...	...	79,653.58
					<u>259,300.97</u>

Taels... 259,300.97

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Members of Finance, Rate, and Appeal Committee.

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING CONTRACTS.

31st DECEMBER 1887.

OUTSTANDING CONTRACTS:	Tls.	Tls.
ACCOUNT 1885.		
Hongkew Survey, balance of account ...	.....	875.00
ACCOUNT 1887.		
VOLUNTEERS:		
Municipal Challenge Cup ...	.....	500.00
PUBLIC WORKS:		
Bunding: 18 chang stone bunding Sung-kiang road between Yangtsze and Sze-chuen roads ...	2,650.00	
Bridges: Yuunnan road, half cost of iron bridge across the Yang-king-pang Creek, and of stone abutments ...	3,000.00	5,650.00
Taela ...	.....	7,025.00

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING DUES.

31ST DECEMBER 1887.

[illegible]

RECEIPTS.	Receipts per General Ledger 31st Dec. 1887.	Deduct Receipts 1886 Account.	Actual Re- ceipts on Budget to 31st Dec. 1887.	Original Estimate.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX	54,118.53	75.34	54,043.19	54,124.00	..	80.81
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—Foreign	43,359.66	255.47	43,104.19	42,400.00	704.19	..
" " " " —Native	88,290.06	..	88,290.06	83,500.00	4,790.06	..
DUES ON MERCHANDISE—from PUBLIC	52,117.17	7,500.00	44,617.17	46,500.00	..	1,882.83
CONTRIBUTION FROM THE TAOTAI	10,178.00	..	10,178.00	10,200.00	..	22.00
LICENCES:						
FOREIGN LIQUOR-SELLERS	1,924.36	..	1,924.36	1,700.00	224.36	..
FOREIGN & NATIVE BILLIARD SALOONS	292.28	..	292.28	280.00	12.28	..
do. do. THEATRES & CONCERTS	958.28	..	958.28	600.00	358.28	..
do. do. LIVERY-STABLES	8,194.76	..	8,194.76	6,800.00	1,394.76	..
do. do. CARGO-BOATS	6,046.73	..	6,046.73	5,700.00	346.73	..
NATIVE LIQUOR-SELLERS	1,732.20	..	1,732.20	1,800.00	..	67.80
do. WATER-CARTS	352.01	..	352.01	400.00	..	47.99
do. OFFICE-SHOPS	27,572.76	..	27,572.76	26,000.00	1,572.76	..
do. PAWN do.	3,470.75	..	3,470.75	3,300.00	170.75	..
do. WINE do.	2,266.15	..	2,266.15	2,200.00	66.15	..
do. SAMYANS	1,126.56	..	1,126.56	950.00	176.56	..
do. JIN-HIK-SHAS	34,041.45	..	34,041.45	32,000.00	2,041.45	..
do. WHEEL-BARROWS	5,647.47	..	5,647.47	6,000.00	..	352.53
do. TEA-SHOPS	2,869.28	..	2,869.28	2,600.00	269.28	..
NIGHT-SOIL	2,968.88	..	2,968.88	3,000.00	..	31.12
LOCK HOSPITAL FEES	386.99	..	386.99	400.00	..	13.01
PERMIT FEES	524.90	..	524.90	450.00	74.90	..
CEMETERY FEES	1,063.25	..	1,063.25	450.00	613.25	..
LOCAL POST OFFICE	4,901.35	..	4,901.35	5,000.00	..	98.65
INTEREST	1,348.60	..	1,348.60	750.00	598.60	..
STOCK AND STORES	5,646.58	..	5,646.58	4,000.00	1,646.58	..
POLICE DEFERRED PAY FUND—INTEREST	871.39	..	871.39	..	871.39	..
SINKING FUND and Interest	24,887.20	..	24,887.20	24,000.00	887.20	..
LAND AND BUILDINGS	64.08	..	64.08	..	64.08	..
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS, 1886	220.46	..	220.46	..	220.46	..
TOWN BAND	58.08	58.08	..	..	..	..
SURPLUS 31st DECEMBER 1886	23,332.17	..	23,332.17	23,332.17	..	..
DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS	410,832.39	7,888.89	402,943.50	388,436.17	17,104.07	2,596.74
MUNICIPAL STOCK AND STORES ACCOUNT, DEPRECIATION OF	8,115.53	..	8,115.53	..	..	..
Tls.....	418,947.92	7,888.89	411,059.03	388,436.17	17,104.07	2,596.74
	10,000.00	..	10,000.00	10,000.00	..	..
Tls.....	428,947.92	7,888.89	421,059.03	398,436.17	17,104.07	2,596.74

AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1887 WITH THE ORIGINAL FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

EXPENDITURE.	Disburse- ments per General Ledger 31st Dec. 1887.	Deduct Disburse- ments 1886 Account.	Actual Expendi- ture on Budget to 31st Dec. 1887.	Estimate 1887.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
POLICE:						
Pay	59,125.33	..	59,125.33	62,820.00	..	3,694.67
Passages, Clothing, Rent, Insurance, Medicines, Hospital Charges, and Incidental Expenses	15,856.95	..	15,856.95	14,585.00	1,271.95	..
Police Deferred Pay Fund	2,500.00	..	2,500.00	2,500.00	..	..
Bubbling Well Road Station: Pay, Rent, Clothing, Insurance Fuel and Water	1,163.17	..	1,163.17	1,100.00	63.17	..
RELIEF OF POOR	133.77	..	133.77	200.00	..	66.23
SANITARY:—Foreign and Native Hospitals..	3,000.00	..	3,000.00	3,000.00	..	..
Lock Hospital	782.30	..	782.30	800.00	..	17.70
Medical	1,545.63	..	1,545.63	1,600.00	..	54.37
Nuisance and Market	21,171.49	..	21,171.49	21,000.00	171.49	..
LIGHTING—Gas	9,655.68	..	9,655.68	9,800.00	..	144.32
Electric	15,152.97	..	15,152.97	15,200.00	..	47.03
SURVEYOR'S OFFICE:						
Pay and gratuity	7,978.93	..	7,978.93	7,925.00	53.93	..
Rent of ground for storing road materials	620.00	..	620.00	620.00	..	..
Rent of houses for Surveyor and Overseer	1,050.00	..	1,050.00	1,050.00	..	..
Insurance, Fuel, Light, Water, Newspapers and Office Necessaries	412.80	..	412.80	604.00	..	191.20
TELEPHONE LINES	840.00	..	840.00	800.00	40.00	..
CEMETERIES AND CATHEDRAL COMPOUND ..	4,273.05	..	4,273.05	4,270.00	3.05	..
OUTSIDE ROADS	9,973.37	..	9,973.37	5,700.00	4,273.37	..
PUBLIC GARDEN	1,597.23	..	1,597.23	1,400.00	197.23	..
PUBLIC WORKS:—Bridges	12,759.79	..	12,759.79	13,500.00	..	740.21
Buildings	2,529.16	..	2,529.16	3,000.00	..	470.84
Buildings	9,198.61	..	9,198.61	7,000.00	2,198.61	..
Landing-Stages	6,572.66	..	6,572.66	7,900.00	..	1,327.34
Fire-Works	3.75	..	3.75	..	3.75	..
Drainage	9,283.15	381.37	8,901.78	11,200.00	..	2,298.22
Creeks	1,445.64	1,400.00	45.64	2,000.00	..	1,954.36
Latrines	42.35	..	42.35	..	42.35	..
Roads	39,745.97	3,000.00	36,745.97	33,000.00	3,745.97	..
WATER SUPPLY	8,446.10	..	8,446.10	9,000.00	..	553.90
SHANGHAI MUSEUM	500.00	..	500.00	500.00	..	..
SHANGHAI LIBRARY	100.00	..	100.00	100.00	..	..
EDUCATION GRANTS	1,871.30	..	1,871.30	1,900.00	..	28.70
STUD—Animal Labour	10,955.23	..	10,955.23	11,020.00	..	64.77
INTEREST	11,988.71	..	11,988.71	11,800.00	98.71	..
POLICE DEFERRED PAY FUND, Interest deposited at Bank	871.39	..	871.39	..	871.39	..
SINKING FUND & Interest deposited at Bank	35,387.20	..	35,387.20	34,500.00	887.20	..
FIRE DEPARTMENT	2,515.00	..	2,515.00	2,500.00	15.00	..
GENERAL CHARGES:						
Coals & gas for all offices, stables & godowns	276.73	..	276.73	250.00	26.73	..
Legal Expenses	1,515.87	..	1,515.87	1,500.00	15.87	..
Audit Fee	250.00	..	250.00	250.00	..	..
Insurance	92.88	..	92.88	200.00	..	107.12
House and Vehicle Numbers	353.82	..	353.82	800.00	..	446.18
Stationery, Printing, Advertising, and Postage	2,376.93	..	2,376.93	2,450.00	..	73.07
Uniforms & Medicines for Tax Collectors	178.25	..	178.25	250.00	..	71.75
Expenses of Annual Meeting of Rate- payers	23.49	..	23.49	..	23.49	..
Pee Rents, Trinity Cathedral	144.00	..	144.00	144.00	..	..
Incidental Expenses	429.60	..	429.60	356.00	73.60	..
SECRETARIAT (including collection of taxes)	28,655.22	..	28,655.22	27,622.00	1,033.22	..
Gratuities	14.60	..	14.60	..	14.60	..
TOWN BAND	5,780.03	..	5,780.03	6,000.00	..	219.97
LOCAL POST OFFICE	4,359.80	..	4,359.80	4,480.00	..	120.20
VOLUNTEERS	6,831.26	..	6,831.26	6,000.00	831.26	..
MUNICIPAL STOCK AND STORES	12,277.26	..	12,277.26	9,700.00	2,577.26	..
LOAN OF 1875	24,000.00	..	24,000.00	24,000.00	..	..
JUBILEE EXPENSES	494.26	..	494.26	..	494.26	..
LAND AND BUILDINGS	..	..	..	1,000.00	..	1,000.00
SURPLUS 31st DECEMBER 1887	8,622.19	..	8,622.19	..	8,622.19	..
	407,724.87	4,781.37	402,943.50	388,987.00	27,648.65	13,692.15
DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS	8,115.53	..	8,115.53	..	..	..
	415,840.40	4,781.37	411,059.03	388,987.00	27,648.65	13,692.15
MUNICIPAL STOCK AND STORES ACCOUNT, DEPRECIATION OF	10,000.00	..	10,000.00	10,000.00	..	..
Tls. ..	425,840.40	4,781.37	421,059.03	398,987.00	27,648.65	136,92.15

MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

ESTIMATE

FOR THE

YEAR COMMENCED 1st JANUARY 1888

AND

ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1888

WITH

REMARKS

*By the Council for the Foreign Community of
Shanghai of 1887.*

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MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

ESTIMATE

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ESTIMATE

FOR THE

MUNICIPAL YEAR

From 1st January 1888 to 31st December 1888,

WITH REMARKS BY THE

COUNCIL FOR 1887.

*To be taken in connection with the General Report for the
Year ending 31st December 1887.*

THE Council have now to submit to the Ratepayers their estimates of the Municipal Income and Expenditure for 1888.

The <i>Income</i> is estimated at	...	...	...	Tls. 399,066.19
in which are included :—				
Surplus from 1887	...	...	...	Tls. 8,621.19
and	...	...	...	„ 40,000.00
which they recommend should be withdrawn from the Sinking Fund to pay off a portion of the Loan of 1882.				

Tls. 48,621.19

The <i>Expenditure</i> recommended is...	...	...	Tls. 398,854.00
which includes the above	...	...	Tls. 40,000.00
and the sum of	...	...	„ 20,500.00
which they recommend to be paid into the Sinking Fund,			

Tls. 60,500.00

leaving an unappropriated balance of

Tls. 212.19

In estimating the Income for 1888 the amounts to be received on account of the *Land Tax, Foreign and Native House Tax, License Fees* and *Dues on Goods* are put down at nearly the same as last year, but as the number of unoccupied houses has decreased very considerably during the past year, whilst building operations on an extensive scale have been and are still being carried on both in this Settlement and in Hongkew, it is evident that the native population must have increased very considerably, and it may therefore be fairly anticipated that the receipts for the Native House Tax and License Fees will again exceed the estimates.

Numerous complaints having recently been made about the interruption to traffic caused by the number of wheel-barrows now employed in transporting goods about the Settlements, and the damage done by them to the roads, the Council recommend that the license fee for them, which at present is only 400 cash per month, should be raised to 1,000 cash per month.

The Net Expenditure recommended, after deducting the amounts paid into the Sinking Fund and appropriated to the payment of Debentures, is about Tls. 338,000, against Tls. 331,000 last year.

The *Police* Estimates are slightly in excess of last year, provision having been made for 329 men, against 310, whilst there is also an increase in the amount provided to meet the claims for merit and deferred pay.

The usual amounts have been provided for the *Sanitary* and *Nuisance Departments* but for *Lighting* there is an increase of Tls. 1,000, as it will be necessary in the course of the year to have a considerable addition to the number of gas-lamps in both Settlements.

The same sum as last year has been provided for the *Supply of Water* for Municipal purposes. The present Agreement with the Company will terminate on the 30th June, when a new arrangement will require to be made.

For *Public Works* the amount is much the same as last year, there being a decrease in the appropriations for *Bridges, Drainage, and Landing-stages*, and a proportionate increase for *Buildings* and *Road Material*, in which is included Tls. 9,000 for concrete for the *Market Site*, and *Bund Side-walk*. For the *Public Garden* there is an increase of Tls. 2,500, being the estimated cost of a new *Iron Pavilion* for the Band

performances. For the *Volunteers, Town Band, Fire Department, Eurasian School, etc.*, the usual contributions are provided, and for the *French Orphanage* the sum of Tls. 1,000, as this amount has been annually voted by the Ratepayers for a good many years.

The sum of Tls. 20,500, which the Council recommend to be paid into the *Sinking Fund*, includes Tls. 10,000, which is annually appropriated for the redemption of Debentures.

The amount at the credit of this Fund on the 31st December was Tls. 18,900, which with the Tls. 20,500 now recommended to be paid in and accrued interest to 30th June next, will make a total of Tls. 40,000 to be employed in paying off a portion of the Loan 1882.

The Council recommend that the following Rates and Taxes be levied :—

On Land.—4/10ths of 1 per cent per annum on assessed values.

On Houses occupied by Foreigners.—8 per cent per annum on the actual or assessed rental.

On Houses occupied by Natives.—10 per cent on the actual rental.

Dues on Merchandize.—That the present tariff be continued.

License Fees.—The present scale to be maintained except for wheel-barrows, the fee for which they recommend should be raised to 1,000 cash each per month.

They suggest that the Ratepayers authorize the incoming Council to collect as under :—

Land Tax.—Half-yearly in advance, on and after the 1st days of January and July respectively.

General Municipal Rate—Foreign.—Quarterly in advance, on and after the 1st days of January, April, July and October respectively.

General Municipal Rate—Native.—Monthly or quarterly, as may appear advisable, in advance, on and after the 1st January.

Dues on Merchandize.—Monthly.

All such rates and dues being payable at the time specified, and to be paid within fourteen days of demand for payment.

Licence Fees.—From every house of Public Entertainment, Billiard, or Bowling Saloon, or Shop, or Store for the sale of Wines, Beer, Spirits, Intoxicating Drugs, Butcher's Meat, Poultry or Game, Slaughter-House or Livery-Stable, Opium-Shop, Pawn-Shop, Tea-Shop, Native Water-Cart, Boat or Public Vehicle plying, let or used for hire within the limits of the Settlement, monthly or quarterly as may appear advisable, always in advance.

From every Music Hall, Theatre, Circus, or Dancing Saloon—Nightly in advance.

Telegraph Fees.—At the rate of Tls. 100 per line per annum, in advance.

Cemetery Fees and Subscriptions to Local Post Office.—In advance.

Fees for Permits to use Sunshades over Public Thoroughfares.—At time of making application for permit.

Fees for Permits to open Roads for the purpose of constructing or repairing connections with Municipal Drains.—At the time of making application for permit.

The Sale of Night-soil.—To the best advantage.

MUNICIPAL

*Estimate for the year 1st January**Income.*

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX.		
FOREIGN. —At 4/10ths of 1 per cent on Tls. 13,501,000 being Tls. 13,944,146 total assessed value of land		
Less " 443,146 " " " property occupied by Churches, Cemeteries and Municipal properties.		
<u>Tls. 13,501,000</u>	.....	54,004.00
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.		
FOREIGN. —At 8 per cent on actual or assessed rentals of rateable houses. Tls. 572,532.00=	45,802.00	
Allow for houses unoccupied during the year	2,902.00	
Estimated to be received ... ..	.....	42,900.00
NATIVE. —At 10 per cent on \$1,380,504 (total actual or assessed rentals at 31st December 1887, of Chinese houses)=\$138,050 at ex- change of 72	99,396.00	
Allow for houses unoccupied during the year	11,396.00	
Estimated to be received ... ..	.....	88,000.00
DUES ON MERCHANDIZE.		
Estimated to be received from the Public	45,000.00	
Contribution from H.E. the Taotai, \$14,000	10,200.00	
		55,200.00
LICENSE FEES.		
FOREIGN AND NATIVE.		
<i>Foreign :</i> From every wine and spirit shop and from every beer store, and from every house of entertain- ment, from \$40 to \$65 quarterly	1,900.00	
Billiard and bowling saloons, for every night open, computed at the rate of \$3 per quarter, each billiard table or bowling gallery	280.00	
<i>Carried forward</i>	2,180.00	240,104.00

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i>	2,180.00	240,104.00
LICENSE FEES—continued.		
<i>Native :</i>		
From every shop or store selling foreign wine, spirits or beer, at \$40 each per quarter ...	1,700.00	
Water-carts	250.00	
Opium-houses	27,500.00	
Pawn-shops	3,400.00	
Wine-shops	2,250.00	
Sampana	1,100.00	
Jin-rik-shas	34,000.00	
Wheelbarrows	7,000.00	
Tea-shops	2,800.00	
<i>Foreign and Native :</i>		
Cargo-boats	6,100.00	
Livery stables	8,000.00	
Theatres	800.00	
		97,080.00
SANITARY BRANCH.		
Night-soil, sale of	2,970.00	
Lock Hospital fees	400.00	
		3,370.00
<i>Carried forward</i>		340,554.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—continued.

EXPENDITURE.

		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
	<i>Brought forward ...</i>		64,010.00
<i>Medical Aid:</i>			
Medicines ...	...	600.00	
Hospital Charges ...	...	600.00	
			1,200.00
<i>Rent:</i>			
Louza Station ...	...	168.00	
Foochow road Station for Sikhs ...	...	360.00	
			528.00
<i>Insurance:</i>			
On Central Station ...	...	100.00	
" Hongkew Station ...	...	90.00	
" Louza and District Stations...	...	15.00	
			205.00
<i>Clothing:</i>			
For the Force ...	...	.....	6,200.00
<i>Funeral Expenses:</i>			
Provision for ...	...	.....	200.00
<i>Pay—Native:</i>			
Coolies and Messengers for Stations ...	...	660.00	
Punkah Coolies ...	...	100.00	
			760.00
<i>Prisoners' Food ...</i>	...	500.00	
<i>Fuel and Gas ...</i>	...	3,500.00	
<i>Coolie hire for carrying sick and drunken men,</i>	...		
sampan hire, etc. ...	...	200.00	
<i>Printing, Stationery and Newspapers</i>	...	800.00	
<i>Expenses catching stray dogs...</i>	...	300.00	
<i>Loss in Exchange on remittances to London for</i>	...		
Constables ...	...	300.00	
<i>Miscellaneous Charges ...</i>	...	500.00	
			6,100.00
BUBBLING WELL ROAD STATION.			79,203.00
<i>Pay—1 Foreign Sergeant, 10 Sikh</i>			
Constables, 1 Chinese Inter-			
preter, 1 Messenger ...	2,000		
<i>Clothing 250, Rent 360, Water, Fuel</i>			
and Gas 270, Merit pay 239...	1,119		
	3,119		
<i>Less—Estimated to be received from</i>			
residents ...	1,550		
		.....	1,569.00
			80,772.00
<i>Police Deferred Pay Fund—Provision for ...</i>	...	.....	3,000.00
<i>Carried forward...</i>	...		83,772.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward...</i> ..		83,772.00
RELIEF OF POOR.		
For foreign and native poor ... ..	.....	200.00
SANITARY.		
FOREIGN AND NATIVE HOSPITALS.		
Hospitals for Chinese	1,000.00	3,800.00
General Hospital	2,000.00	
Lock Hospital	800.00	
MEDICAL.		
Pay of Officer of Health	500.00	1,600.00
" Municipal Surgeon	750.00	
" Constables collecting returns of native death rate	300.00	
Medical attendance for casualties in Hongkew ...	50.00	
NUISANCE AND MARKET.		
<i>Pay—Foreign :</i>		
Inspector of Nuisances, Markets & Livery Stables	2,250.00	6,250.00
Assistant Inspector of Markets	1,260.00	
Assistants	2,640.00	
Native Overseer	100.00	
<i>Labour :</i>		
For removing night-soil and garbage and for sweeping roads	11,000.00	21,080.00
Watchmen for preventing nuisances	200.00	
Weeding roads	130.00	
Cleaning sinks	1,300.00	
Watering the roads of the Settlement, and the Bubbling Well road	2,200.00	
21,080.00		
Disinfectants	300.00	21,380.00
<i>Carried forward</i>		
		110,752.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.

	Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.
<i>Brought forward ...</i>			110,752.00	
WATER SUPPLY.				
Supply of water for Municipal purposes ...	.....		9,000.00	
LIGHTING.				
<i>Gas:</i>				
The Settlement and the Bubbling Well road ...	11,000.00			
<i>Electric Light:</i>				
For a portion of the Settlement... ..	15,200.00		26,200.00	
TELEPHONE LINES.				
Maintenance of all lines by contract... ..	.....		900.00	
SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.				
<i>Pay—Foreign Staff:</i>				
Surveyor	3,900			
Assistant	1,600			
Overseers	2,700			
	8,200.00			
<i>Pay—Native Staff:</i>				
Writer	180			
Tracer	324			
Office Messenger	96			
	600.00			
<i>Rent of house for Surveyor</i>	750.00			
" land for storing road materials	620.00			
<i>Coal, gas and water supply</i>	170.00			
<i>Stationery, printing and office necessities</i>	360.00		10,700.00	
PUBLIC WORKS.				
<i>Bridges:</i>				
Shanse road across Soochow Creek ...	6,000			
Chefoo " Defence " ...	2,000			
General repairs	2,000		10,000.00	
<i>Buildings:</i>				
New Bell-tower Hongkew Station ...	800			
Concreting Market ground	5,000			
General repairs	2,000		7,800.00	
<i>Carried forward ...</i>	17,800.00		157,552.00	

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—continued.

INCOME.

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MUNICIPAL BUDGET—continued.

EXPENDITURE.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i>	17,800.00	157,552.00
PUBLIC WORKS—continued.		
<i>Bundings:</i>		
Yang King Pang Creek between Sze-chuen and Kiangse roads	2,800	
Yangtze road in front of Fogg's buildings	750	
Yangtze Poo road near Birt's Wharf ...	400	
General repairs	2,000	
	5,950.00	
<i>Drainage:</i>		
Broadway, between Seward and Tien-dong roads	400	
Tiendong road, about 320 feet east of Chapoo road, in place of old flat bottom Sewer	400	
Tiendong road, from near Woosung road to near Broadway	650	
Iron gratings for Nankin and Szechuen roads	1,200	
Subsidiary drains, repairs to drains, and drain boxes, laying drain-pipes, alterations, and extra Sinks,	1,000	
	3,650.00	
<i>Landing-Stages:</i>		
General repairs to pontoons, bridges, and stages	3,000	
Repairs to landing-stages and jetties ...	1,000	
	4,000.00	
<i>Roads:</i>		
Granite chips, sand and broken bricks ...	20,000	
Curbs and side-channels	3,000	
Chip-paving	3,000	
Granite pavement	3,000	
Making up Hankow road	2,000	
Labour	10,000	
Concrete foot-path West side of the Bund	3,850	
	44,850.00	
<i>Outside Roads:</i>		
Bubbling Well road, bunding double bend, and other places	1,000.00	76,250.00
Maintenance	5,000.00	
Trees	500.00	
Chinese Government ground-tax	200.00	
	6,700.00	
<i>Carried forward</i>		240,502.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

INCOME.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i> ... ..	.....	340,554.00
PERMIT FEES.		
Fees for permits to open roads for repairing or connecting with public drains, and for erecting sunshades ... ..	.....	450.00
CEMETERIES.		
For vaults and grave-spaces ... ..	.....	600.00
LOCAL POST OFFICE.		
Subscribers	3,300.00	
Expresses	240.00	
Stamps and unpaid letters	1,300.00	
		4,840.00
<i>Carried forward</i> ... ..	.....	346,444.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward ...</i>		240,502.00
PUBLIC WORKS—<i>continued.</i>		
<i>Public Garden:</i>		
Maintenance	1,400.00	
New iron pavilion	2,500.00	
		3,900.00
CEMETERIES.		
Sexton for all Cemeteries, and allowance for labour and coolies... ..	240.00	
Gardener, for care of all Cemeteries and Cathedral compound	1,060.00	
General repairs to all Cemeteries	700.00	
Chinese Government ground-tax	100.00	
New Cemetery, wooden fence in lieu of bamboo ...	700.00	
Pootung Cemetery, turfing graves	400.00	
		3,200.00
LOCAL POST OFFICE.		
<i>Pay:</i>		
Postmaster	1,260.00	
Assistant	650.00	
Delivery coolies, sampan and jin-ric-sha ...	1,870.00	
Printing, Stationery, Newspapers, Advertising and Mail bags	300.00	
Postage Stamps	100.00	
Coal and gas	75.00	
Agencies at Ports	290.00	
Incidental charges	75.00	
		4,620.00
SECRETARIAT.		
<i>Pay—Foreign:</i>		
Secretary	4,500	
Accountant	3,600	
2 Assistants	5,000	
		13,100.00
<i>Dues Office:</i>		
1 Assistant... ..	2,000	
1 Writer	198	
1 Coolie	54	
		2,252.00
<i>Carried forward ...</i>	15,352.00	252,222.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward</i>	15,352.00	252,222.00
 SECRETARIAT— <i>continued.</i>		
<i>Tax Office:</i>		
Collector and Overseer of rates	2,250	
" of Foreign house tax	1,500	
2 Collectors of Native house tax	1,740	
Collector of Opium tax	1,380	
" Sampan and boat tax	900	
	7,770.00	
<i>Native Staff:</i>		
Linguist and Assistant	840	
Compradore and Staff	2,800	
4 Tax Writers	954	
Sampan-man employed in the collection of Sampan tax	96	
Godown-man	102	
Watchman at Council House	90	
	4,882	
<i>Native Servants:</i>		
For Municipal Offices	408	
Coolie for numbering Chinese houses	36	
Jin-ric-sha coolies for tax collectors	134	
	5,460.00	
		28,582.00
 GENERAL CHARGES.		
Coal, gas, and oil for all offices, stables and godown	300.00	
Insurance on Municipal buildings	200.00	
Legal Expenses	1,500.00	
Audit Fee	350.00	
Stationery, printing, advertising, newspapers and postage	2,450.00	
House and license numbers	500.00	
Uniforms and Medicines for tax collectors... ..	250.00	
Pew-rent for 7 sittings, Trinity Cathedral	144.00	
Incidental charges	356.00	
	6,050.00	
		286,854.00
<i>Carried forward</i>		

MUMICIPAL BUDGET—continued.

EXPENDITURE.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward ...</i>		286,854.00
STUD.		
For animals for public works and removing garbage	9,500.00	
Pony for Captain Superintendent of Police...	120.00	
" Chief Inspector of Police ...	180.00	
Ponies for night patrol, and for patrolling the		
Bubbling Well road ...	400.00	
Pony for Surveyor ...	180.00	
" Collector and Overseer of Rates ...	180.00	
2 Ponies for Inspector of Nuisances, Markets and		
Livery Stables, and Assistant ...	360.00	
Leather washers and grease for cart-wheels...	300.00	
		11,220.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT.		
Contribution ...	...	2,500.00
VOLUNTEERS.		
Maintenance ...	...	6,000.00
TOWN BAND.		
Maintenance ...	...	6,000.00
SHANGHAI MUSEUM.		
Contribution ...	...	500.00
SHANGHAI LIBRARY.		
Contribution ...	...	100.00
EDUCATION GRANT.		
Eurasian School ...	900.00	
French Orphanage ...	1,000.00	
		1,900.00
<i>Carried forward ...</i>		315,074.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward ...</i>		315,074.00
INTEREST.		
On Debentures ...	9,450.00	
" Police Savings Bank ...	430.00	9,880.00
SINKING FUND ...	...	20,500.00
MUNICIPAL LOAN OF 1882.		
For payment of 300 Debentures ...	...	40,000.00
LAND AND BUILDINGS.		
New Market Sheds ...	...	2,800.00
STOCK AND STORES.		
Public Works ...	1,500.00	
Nuisance ...	1,500.00	
Public lamps ...	800.00	
Volunteers ...	2,000.00	
Purchase of harness, wheels, springs, etc. ...	1,400.00	
Police ...	1,000.00	
Drain-pipes ...	2,400.00	10,600.00
		398,854.00
UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE ...	...	212.19
		399,066.19
MUNICIPAL STOCK AND STORES ACCOUNT.		
Amount to be written off for depreciation ...	...	10,000.00
TAEELS ...	...	409,066.19

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.

	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Pay :</i>		
Police (exclusive of Bubbling Well Road Station)	63,410.00	
Nuisance	6,250.00	
Surveyor's Office	8,800.00	
Secretariat	28,582.00	
Legal Adviser	1,500.00	
Auditor... ..	350.00	
Medical... ..	1,600.00	
Local Post Office	3,780.00	
Cemeteries	1,300.00	
		115,572.00
<i>Police Deferred Pay Fund</i> ... ..	.....	3,000.00
Allowance for Special Service ... ..	.....	600.00
<i>Bubbling Well Road Police Station</i> ... ..	.....	1,569.00
<i>Foreign and Native Hospitals</i> ... ..	.....	3,800.00
<i>Telegraph Lines</i> ... ..	.....	900.00
<i>Rent :</i>		
Police : Louza Station	168.00	
Foochow Road Station	360.00	
Surveyor	750.00	
Land for storing Road Materials	620.00	
		1,898.00
<i>Clothing :</i>		
For Police Force (exclusive of Bubbling Well Road Station) ... ..	.....	6,200.00
<i>Relief of Poor :</i>		200.00
<i>Lighting :</i>		
Gas	11,000.00	
Electric	15,200.00	
		26,200.00
<i>Town Band :</i>	.....	6,000.00
<i>Labour :</i>		
Animal Labour	9,500.00	
Making and repairing Roads	10,000.00	
Scavenging and Watering Roads	14,830.00	
		34,330.00
<i>Carried forward</i> ... ..	.....	200,269.00

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

							Tls.	Tls.
						<i>Brought forward</i>	.....	200,269.00
<i>Public Works</i>	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	74,850.00
<i>Land and Buildings</i>	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	2,800.00
<i>Public Garden</i>	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	3,900.00
<i>Stationery, Printing, Advertising, etc.</i>								
Police	...	...	...	...	...	.....	800.00	
Surveyor's Office	...	...	...	...	...	.....	360.00	
Secretariat	...	...	...	...	...	.....	2,450.00	
Local Post Office	...	...	...	...	...	.....	300.00	
								3,910.00
<i>Volunteers</i>	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	6,000.00
<i>Fire Department</i>	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	2,500.00
<i>Interest</i>...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	9,880.00
<i>Forage and Farriery :</i>								
Police	...	...	...	...	...	.....	700.00	
Secretariat	...	...	...	...	...	.....	180.00	
Surveyor's Office	...	...	...	...	...	.....	180.00	
Nuisance	...	...	...	...	...	.....	360.00	
								1,420.00
<i>Shanghai Museum</i>	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	500.00
<i>Shanghai Library</i>	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	100.00
<i>Education Grants</i>	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	1,900.00
<i>Sinking Fund</i>	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	20,500.00
<i>Municipal Loan of 1883</i>	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	40,000.00
<i>Stock and Stores</i>	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	10,600.00
<i>Water Supply</i>	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	9,000.00
						<i>Carried forward</i>	.....	388,129.00

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

		Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>	...	.....	388,129.00
<i>Fire Insurance :</i>			
Police	...	205.00	
Municipal buildings, including Surveyor's Office, Local Post Office, Plant and Stores ...	...	200.00	405.00
<i>Fuel and Light :</i>			
Police	...	3,500.00	
Surveyor's Office	...	170.00	
Local Post Office	...	75.00	
General Charges	...	300.00	4,045.00
<i>Miscellaneous :</i>			
Police	...	3,960.00	
Nuisance	...	300.00	
General Charges	...	1,250.00	
Local Post Office	...	465.00	
Stud	...	300.00	6,275.00
<i>Unappropriated Balance</i>	...	.....	212.19
Total	...	.....	399,066.19

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.	1887.		ESTIMATE 1888.	
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX	..	54,043.19	..	54,004.00
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE— <i>Foreign</i>	..	43,104.19	..	42,900.00
" " " <i>Native</i>	..	88,290.06	..	88,000.00
DUES ON MERCHANDISE—FROM PUBLIC	44,617.17	..	45,000.00	..
" " H.E. THE TAOTAI.. .. .	10,178.00	..	10,200.00	..
		54,795.17		55,200.00
LICENSES— <i>Foreign</i> :				
LIQUOR-SELLERS	1,924.36	..	1,900.00	..
<i>Foreign and Native</i> :				
BILLIARD AND BOWLING SALOONS.. .. .	292.28	..	280.00	..
THEATRES	958.28	..	800.00	..
LIVERY STABLES	8,194.76	..	8,000.00	..
CARGO-BOATS	6,046.73	..	6,100.00	..
<i>Native</i> :				
TEA-SHOPS	2,869.28	..	2,800.00	..
WATER-CARTS	352.01	..	250.00	..
LIQUOR-SELLERS	1,732.20	..	1,700.00	..
SAMPANS	1,126.56	..	1,100.00	..
PAWN-SHOPS	3,470.75	..	3,400.00	..
OPIMUM-SHOPS	27,572.76	..	27,500.00	..
WHEEL-BARROWS	5,647.47	..	7,000.00	..
WINE-SHOPS	2,296.15	..	2,250.00	..
JIN-RIK-SHES.. .. .	34,041.45	..	34,000.00	..
		96,495.04		97,080.00
NIGHT-SOIL	..	2,968.88	..	2,970.00
LOCK HOSPITAL FEES	..	380.99	..	400.00
FEES FOR PERMITS FOR CONNECTING WITH PUBLIC DRAINS, ETC., AND FOR ERECTING SUNSHADES	..	524.90	..	450.00
CEMETERY FEES	..	1,063.25	..	600.00
LOCAL POST OFFICE	..	4,901.35	..	4,840.00
MUNICIPAL STOCK AND STORES.. .. .	..	5,646.58	..	3,000.00
LAND AND BUILDINGS	..	64.08	..	..
INTEREST	..	1,348.60	..	1,000.00
SINKING FUND and Interest	..	24,887.20	..	40,000.00
POLICE DEFERRED PAY FUND, Interest	..	871.59	..	..
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS, 1886	..	220.46	..	..
SURPLUS, 1886	..	23,332.17	..	..
" 1887	..	..	..	8,622.19
		402,943.50		399,066.19
DEPRECIATION ON MUNICIPAL STOCK & STORES AND PROPERTIES	..	10,000.00	..	10,000.00
Tls.	..	412,943.50	..	409,066.19

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

EXPENDITURE.	1887.		ESTIMATE 1888.	
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
POLICE:				
Pay	59,125.33	..	63,410.00	..
Medical Aid, Rent and Incidental Charges	15,856.25	..	15,193.00	..
Allowance for Special Service	..	..	600.00	..
Deferred Pay Fund	2,500.00	..	3,000.00	..
Carter Road Station	1,163.17	..	1,569.00	..
RELIEF OF POOR	..	78,645.45	..	83,772.00
SANITARY:		133.77	..	200.00
Foreign and Native Hospitals	3,000.00	..	3,000.00	..
Medical	1,543.63	..	1,600.00	..
Lock Hospital	782.30	..	800.00	..
Nuisance and Market	21,171.49	..	21,380.00	26,780.00
LIGHTING:		26,499.42	..	..
Gas	9,655.68	..	11,000.00	..
Electric Light	15,152.97	..	15,200.00	26,200.00
WATER SUPPLY	..	24,808.65	..	9,000.00
SURVEYOR'S OFFICE:		8,446.10	..	..
Pay	7,926.00	..	8,800.00	..
Gratuities	52.93	..	..	..
Rent	1,670.00	..	1,370.00	..
Insurance, Coal, Gas and Office Necessaries	412.80	..	530.00	..
TELEPHONE LINES	..	10,061.73	..	10,700.00
CEMETERIES AND CATHEDRAL COMPOUND	..	840.00	..	900.00
SHANGHAI MUSEUM	..	4,273.05	..	3,200.00
SHANGHAI LIBRARY	..	500.00	..	500.00
EDUCATION GRANTS	..	100.00	..	100.00
MUNICIPAL LOAN OF 1878	..	1,871.30	..	1,900.00
" " 1882	..	24,000.00	..	..
PUBLIC WORKS:		..	..	40,000.00
Bridges	12,759.79	..	10,000.00	..
Buildings	2,329.16	..	7,800.00	..
Buildings	9,198.61	..	5,960.00	..
Creeks	45.64	..	..	..
Fire-Wells	3.75	..	..	..
Drainage	6,901.78	..	3,650.00	..
Latrines	42.35	..	..	..
Landing-Stages	6,572.66	..	4,000.00	..
ROADS:		..	44,830.00	..
Road materials, trees, labour, etc. ..	34,058.59	..	..	..
Widening and Improving	2,687.38	76,799.71	..	76,250.00
OUTSIDE ROADS	..	9,973.37	..	6,700.00
PUBLIC GARDEN	..	1,597.23	..	3,900.00
TOWN BAND	..	5,780.03	..	6,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	..	2,515.00	..	2,500.00
STUD—Animal Labour, etc.	..	10,955.23	..	11,220.00
SINKING FUND and Interest	..	35,387.20	..	20,500.00
LOCAL POST OFFICE	..	4,359.80	..	4,620.00
SECRETARIAT: Pay, including collection of taxes	28,655.22	..	..	28,582.00
GRATUITIES	14.60	28,669.82	..	..
GENERAL CHARGES:				
Legal Expenses	1,515.87	..	1,500.00	..
Audit Fee	250.00	..	350.00	..
Coal and Gas	276.73	..	300.00	..
Insurance	92.88	..	200.00	..
House and Public Vehicle Numbers	353.82	..	500.00	..
Stationery, Printing, Advertising, Postage	2,376.93	..	2,450.00	..
Uniforms, etc., for Tax Collectors ..	178.25	..	250.00	..
Pew rent	144.00	..	144.00	..
Expenses of Annual Meeting of Ratepayers	23.49	..	..	..
Incidental charges	429.60	5,641.57	356.00	6,050.00
INTEREST	..	11,968.71	..	9,880.00
POLICE DEFERRED PAY FUND, INTEREST DE-				
POSITED	..	871.39	..	..
VOLUNTEERS	..	6,831.26	..	6,000.00
MUNICIPAL STOCK AND STORES ..	..	12,277.26	..	10,000.00
LAND AND BUILDINGS	..	..	..	2,800.00
EXPENSES QUEEN'S JUBILEE	..	494.26	..	..
UNAPPROPRIATED	..	394,321.31	..	398,854.00
MUNICIPAL STOCK AND STORES AND PROPERTY				
ACCOUNT, DEPRECIATION	..	10,000.00	..	399,066.19
Tls.	..	404,321.31	..	409,066.19